

## GOMERSAL C.C. REPORT DROP IN SUBSCRIPTIONS.

### A LOSS OF £10 ON THE SEASON.

A loss of £10 in the year's working was reported at the annual meeting of the Gomersal Cricket Club, held at the Hill Top Schools on Friday evening, Mr. E. Smith (president) being in the chair.

The Secretary (Mr. E. Wood) submitted the annual report, which stated that the first eleven took part in 15 matches, winning seven, losing six and drawing four. The second team played 16 matches of which only one was won, 13 lost and two drawn. The first eleven batting average was won by E. Sefton, who scored 848 runs in 15 innings (once not out), an average of 17.6 per innings. H. Walker took the bowling prize with 20 wickets at an average cost of 11.1. In the second eleven A. Harris secured the batting prize with an average of 14.84 in seven completed innings and J. A. V. McDonagh was the best bowler with an average of 9.58 for 34 wickets. Once again the workshops competition proved very popular, and was won by Norththorpe A.F.C. for the second year in succession. Regret was expressed at the deaths of Mrs. Mason, wife of Dr. E. R. F. Mason, Mr. D. Wright and Mr. E. Oates. With regard to the arrangements for the coming season, Harry Firth had again been engaged as professional, and all last season's players were available. H. Sykes, who had been assisting Holbeck, had also agreed to play for the club. A good list of fixtures had been arranged with Ossett, Morley, Dewsbury and Savile, Cleckheaton, Birstall, Chickenley, Heckmondwike, Hartshead Moor, Thornhill, Staincliffe and Hanging Heaton. The club could look forward to the coming season with every confidence. The committee extended their best thanks to the ladies' committee for their great help. Particular attention was called to the number of outstanding subscriptions, and it was pointed out that the club could not carry on successfully unless members kept up their payments.

The Chairman, in moving the adoption of the report, said that the chief item affecting the loss on the year's working was a drop of £15 in subscriptions. They could expect variations in the profits for the carnival and other social efforts, but this was a more serious matter. They were £10 worse off than in the previous year, but he did not see how they could run a club much more cheaply than they were doing. He did not consider that a profit of £23 on the carnival was a sufficient return for the work put into it, but this might improve as times became better. He regretted the absence of Mr. Grimshaw owing to ill-health, but they hoped he would soon be better and be able to spend more time among them.

Mr. Thompson suggested that one way in which they could help their funds would be by advertising more.

The officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:—President, Mr. E. Smith; chairman, Mr. Grimshaw; secretary, Mr. E. Wood; treasurer, Mr. B. A. Hanson; committee, Messrs. M. Greaves, J. Johnson, E. Swallow, J. A. V. McDonagh, C. Blackburn, D. Gledhill, S. Smith, D. Firm, W. Spencer, A. Thompson, E. Hanson, and T. W. Slater; auditors, Messrs. A. Brown and S. Blamires.

The Secretary reported that it had been decided at a general meeting of the club to hold a carnival again this year.

## GOMERSAL C.C. WANTS LARGER MEMBERSHIP.

### HOUSE-TO-HOUSE CANVASS.

A loss of £66, against which are to be offset subscriptions outstanding amounting to about £11, was revealed at the annual meeting of Gomersal Cricket Club in Hill Top School on Friday evening. Mr. E. Smith (president) presided.

Mr. E. Wood (secretary), in his annual report, said they regretted the death of Mr. W. F. Wright (a vice-president), Mr. W. C. Davy (an old member), and Mr. W. Lees (one of the players). From a playing point of view the club had had a very successful season. The first team won 13 of 17 Yorkshire Council fixtures, lost two and drew two, finishing at the head of the table. The top four clubs had to play off for the championship, and they were defeated by Sheffield United. H. Sykes won the batting prize with an average of 30.45 runs for 16 completed innings, and A. Randle the bowling prize with 29 wickets at an average cost of 14.55 runs each. The second team won eight matches and lost three. R. Clarke took the batting prize with an average of 49.40 for five completed innings and H. Walker the bowling prize with 37 wickets at an average cost of 6.18 runs. Profits on the carnival were down by about £35, and in that connection he reminded members that no commission was given collectors of carnival subscriptions, as had been rumoured. For next season the same players would be available with the exception of two, and H. Pirth had again been engaged as player coach. A good list of fixtures had been arranged for both teams, their opponents including Cleckheaton, Chickenley and Staincliffe, and they had every justification for viewing the prospects of the season with confidence (applause).

Mr. B. A. Hanson submitted the balance sheet, which showed an income of £122 17s. 7d.—including £27 15s. subscriptions, £15 11s. 8d. gate receipts, and £15 19s. 6d. from carnival—and the expenditure totalled £123 4s. 5d. Accounts owing amounted to £66 6s. 1d., and the assets exceeded the liabilities by £56 17s.

The President said the receipts were down by £66 on the previous year. Subscriptions showed an increase of £4, but everything else showed a slight decrease. They had £5 18s. in the bank, compared with £37 at the beginning of the previous season.

Mr. H. Brooke asked if the committee had done anything about the assessment of the ground.

Mr. Hanson: We have given notice of appeal.

Mr. H. Banham: And the Yorkshire Council are appealing for all sports clubs.

The President asked if Spen Valley clubs were taking concerted action in the matter.

Mr. Hanson: Practically all clubs in Yorkshire are appealing.

The President said something should be done to increase the income, and the best way was to get more members.

Mr. E. Fox said gate receipts of £15 showed lack of support.

Mr. Hanson contended that they ought to raise £300 a year, for the time was coming when many repairs would have to be done.

Mr. B. Beaumont said he was loath to suggest opening a bar, for he would rather resort to any other method, but many people went to neighbouring clubs because they could get drinks.

The President: No club which depends upon the bar can be a success. It is a help, but a good list of members is the most important security for financial success.

Mr. W. Barber: Very few clubs pay from a cricket standpoint.

The President said Gomersal could run a good cricket club with a little bit of pushing, and there was also sufficient ground to run a football club. He suggested that they should make a house-to-house canvass to secure more members. This course was agreed upon.

It was decided to hold the carnival on July 12th, and that a quarter of the profits should again be given to charities. From last year's carnival it was decided that the profits available for charity should be divided as follows:—Gomersal Nursing Association two guineas, Dewsbury Infirmary, Batley Hospital, and the Dewsbury and Batley Blind Institute one guinea each.

The women workers were thanked for their services on the motion of Dr. E. R. F. Mason, who said the club had been dependent upon them for many years.

Mr. E. Smith was re-elected president, Mr. E. Wood secretary, Mr. B. A. Hanson treasurer, and Messrs. A. Brown and S. Blamires auditors. Messrs. E. Swallow, R. Fox, J. Haywood, B. Clarke, D. Fern, A. Johnson, E. Hanson, T. Armstrong, B. Beaumont, D. Gledhill, E. England and J. H. Sykes were elected to the committee.