



**HAUTAPU
RUGBY
FOOTBALL
CLUB**

75TH JUBILEE



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It gives me great pleasure to welcome past and present members and supporters to this weekend of celebrations.

I know that the enjoyment of recalling past experiences will make this a memorable occasion which will be talked of fondly in the future.

It was considered by the present committee of the Hautapu Rugby Football Club that a suitable booklet outlining some of the history and events of the Club should be compiled.

This was felt to be very relevant in this, our 75th year, as there will be members with us, whose lives have spanned the years since the beginning of the Club.

They are a few of the many keen men and women who have given our Club such a proud record and we are grateful for their efforts. We wish to record our thanks.

It will be obvious to visitors during the weekend that the Club is in particularly good spirit. The completion of our fine Clubrooms is a tribute to a very keen committee.

I trust that young and old will join in celebration, making this weekend a platform to boost this Club to greater heights and maintain the comradeship that comes from playing a fine team sport.

R. W. MacDONALD, President.

75th. JUBILEE PROGRAMME — 1978

Friday, September 15th: Smoke Concert (male only) in the Club rooms, Victoria Road, 8 p.m.

Saturday, September 16th: New Club rooms will be opened for your inspection during the afternoon. Official opening ceremony by Club Patron, Mr T. Turnbull, at 2.30 p.m.
Jubilee Ball, Cambridge Raceway Lounge, commencing 7.30 p.m.

Sunday, September 17th: Special match between Invitation XV and Harlequins at Memorial Park.
This will be followed by afternoon tea at the Cambridge Raceway Lounge.

LIFE MEMBERS

W. Thompson	— — — 1934	L. Kidd	— — — 1968
T. Reilly	— — — 1956	W. Arnold	— — — 1968
T. Turnbull	— — — 1960	W. Wood	— — — 1975
J. Miller	— — — 1965		

PRESIDENTS (from 1919)

H. J. Ambury	— — 1919-22	T. Turnbull	— — 1950-59
J. J. Bourke	— — 1923-27	L. S. Kidd	— — 1960-66
B. Wells	— — 1928	J. Wall	— — 1967-68
J. Bourke Jnr.	— — 1929-34	R. W. MacDonald	— — 1969-71
P. C. Petersen	— — 1935-36	F. S. O'Kane	— — 1972-76
W. C. Arnold	— — 1937-49	R. W. MacDonald	— — 1977-

WAIKATO REPRESENTATIVES

A. Thompson	— — 1921-22-23-24-25
L. Bourke	— — 1922-24
D. Bourke	— — 1923-24-25-26-27-28-29-33-34
W. Bourke	— — 1923-25-28-29
C. Thompson	— — 1924-26-27
A. Keightly	— — 1925
W. S. Harbutt	— — 1938
F. Jones	— — 1940
G. White	— — 1945
G. R. Bartlett	— — 1945
A. J. Arnold	— — 1945-46-47-49
J. P. Hogan	— — 1945-47
I. H. Ross	— — 1946
R. J. Arnold	— — 1947
K. D. Arnold	— — 1947-48
P. T. Hogan	— — 1955-56-57-58-59-60
F. S. O'Kane	— — 1957-59-60-61-62-63-65
D. C. Thompson	— — 1959
P. Nicholl	— — 1964
M. J. Gilmer	— — 1968

ALL BLACK

K. D. ARNOLD, 1947

1978 COMMITTEE

Patron: T. Turnbull

President: R. W. MacDonald Secretary: C. Pollock
Vice-President: K. Moreland Treasurer: G. Lewis

Club Captain: J. Kilbride

Committee: F. Groizard, T. West, G. Fell, K. Walker,
K. Parsons, I. Wood, M. Wallace, M. Jensen.

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THE BEGINNING

It all began in the old bacon curing room at the Hautapu dairy factory in 1903.

Early in April a meeting of rugby enthusiasts at the Masonic Hotel, Cambridge decided to form the Cambridge Rugby Union. Representatives of the Cambridge, Fencourt, Maungatutari and Hautapu districts who attended undertook to form clubs in their own areas.

In these circumstances that factory meeting took place. The meeting was informal — no Chairman, no minutes. Mr Jack Cowling, whose knowledge of the game far surpassed others was chief spokesman.

Men sat round on milk cans, listening to him keenly as he told of his attendance at the Cambridge meeting.

The decision of those present to form the Hautapu Club laid the foundations of the future.

Club colours were red and black (changed not many years later to red and white with black shorts) and the first team was:

Fullback: Roy Crickett.

Threequarters: Arthur Kelly, Durham Ashwin (captain), Charlie Shaw.

Five-eighths: Phil Goodwin, Cecil Ashwin.

Halfback: Arthur Healey.

Forwards: George Beer (wing forward), Jack Cowling, Humphrey

Russell, Jack Russell, Gibb Watt, Jack Milne, Ned Hall

Tui Rangi.

Mr Jerry Allwill gave the team use of a field adjacent to the railway station at Hautapu.

This was marked out, goalposts were erected and Jack Cowling took over the role of player-coach.

Success was hard to come by. They rarely won. But the Press commented that "Hautapu always come up smiling."

Jerseys were strongly made, collarless, with leather bound shoulders.

The words of Mr Joe Ambury, a Chairman of earlier days to intending players, bear repeating.

He said:—

"Play Hard. It is not a parlour game".

"Play Clean. We all admire a robust player, but despise a dirty one".

"Always play to win. Remember you are just a cog in the wheel".

"Above all Play the Game: As you play your games, so do you live your lives".

REVIVAL AFTER WORLD WAR I

Rugby soon revived following the grim years of World War I. Sammy Burns of Fencourt, trying to form a hockey team, had little fortune. So he opted for rugby instead and captained a team which in the months to come was to play and win 18 games.

Enduring Hautapu names in that side included Ces. and Arty Thompson, Tom and Leo Bourke, "Bricky" Kelly and Tom Appleby.

Full scale revival of the Hautapu Club took place in 1919. Strength was such that the local competition was won for five successive seasons. In addition to the above-named, other prominent players included Roy Dunning (captain), Bower Thorpe, Dick Arnold (father of five sons all to play for the Club including All Black Keith), Jack and Dan Bourke, Bert Allwill, Charlie La Trobe and Jack Gasparich (who later played for Auckland).

One of the more amusing incidents of this era involved Club Patron J. J. Bourke.

Hautapu had beaten Leamington and he went to the National Hotel to "shout" for the boys.

Inevitably, he stayed longer than he intended.

It was getting dark as he drove home and his buggy was without lights. Soon the familiar voice of the local Policeman came out of the gloom.

It said: "Where are your lights?"

Replied J.J., with his unflinching courtesy.— "It is alright, Jim, I am just going home to get them!"

SENIOR TEAM 1903



HAUTAPU FOOTBALL CLUB 1903
Back Row left to right: Humphrey, Russell, Roy Crickett, J. Cowley
A. Kelly, Gib Watt, C. Ashwin, Phil Goodwin, Ned Hall
Front Row: J. Layne, C. Ashwin, Goodwin, Ashwin, J. Russell, Milne,
Geo. Beer

EXTRACTS FROM THE MINUTES

1921: Gross proceeds from end of season concert and dance £12/16/1.

Expenses: Banfield's orchestra £1/15/-. Printing of tickets 12/6, Candles 1/3, Advertising £1/4/-. Hall Hire £1. Profit £8/3/4.

1922: Members subscriptions two shillings, the Club to buy four pair of black shorts at 7/6 a pair and five Jerseys at 12/6 each to hold in reserve.

1923: Expenses for season £6/3/6, comprising Affiliation fee £2/2/-. Advertising 12/-. Writing pad, envelopes and stamps 10/-. Members' passes 10/6, Oranges for match v. Hamilton 5/-. Hautapu Hall hire for annual meeting, Football for Club use £2.

1924: The annual meeting passed a resolution that the Cambridge Rugby Union be asked to secure the Caps that were promised to the winners of the Competitions. It was decided to donate a football to the Hautapu School.

1926: The Balance sheet showed a Credit balance of £6/10/3. The Secretary was instructed to purchase two dozen pairs of stockings with red and white hoops.

1927: Mr J. Bourke proposed that the Hautapu boundary be along the Sanatorium Road, up Livingstone Road across the Pukemoremore hill to Victoria Road, then along it to Scotchman's Valley, back past the Mutangi factory to the Hamilton-Cambridge Road. Seconded W. Bourke. Carried.

1927: Mr S. Smillie moved that the Club donate a can of benzine to the delegates to the Cambridge Union. Carried.

1929: Meeting called to assist the Cambridge Rugby Union to form a City Club. Resolved that the Hautapu club ask any surplus players to register with the club.

1930: Senior selectors. Messrs W. Bourke, A. Thompson, H. Cubis. Delegates to

HAUTAPU JUNIOR RUGBY TEAM — 1918



Gordon Greig, J. Reeves, T. Appleby, T. Bourke, G. Friend, C. Thompson, S. Parker, E. Hirst, G. Burns (Captain), L. Bourke, R. Wilcox, J. Hill, A. Bellamy, R. Gordon, H. Lincoln (absent), Brick Kelly, C. Blackburn, N. McLennan.

Cambridge Union: —J. Bourke and H. Cubis.

1931: Letter of appreciation to Mr H. Cubis for long, untiring services to the Club. After meeting closed Morris brothers gave a recital about the thrill of flat fishing at Raglan.

1933: Dance committee for coming year: Messrs A. Miller, P. Miller, J. Watt, N. Holmes, E. Cubis, S. Smillie, T. Verner, G. Tapper, H. Bellamy.

1934: Mr W. Thompson elected a Life Member.

1936: Annual meeting held in Mr H. G. Roberts' shop and store.

AFTER WORLD WAR II

The Hautapu senior team in the years immediately following World War II rates more than a passing mention.

The team, usually including at least four Arnolds and more than one Bartlett, won the local championship in successive years, contributed strongly to the Cambridge Sub-Union reps, and the following players represented Waikato.— Keith, Alan and Roy Arnold, Gordon White, George Bartlett, John Hogan, Tom Ross.

THE THIRD GRADERS

Third grade rugby came to Hautapu in 1935 at the annual muster of players

SENIOR TEAM 1944



BACK ROW: A. Kelly, D. Tupaea, L. Kidd, B. Moore, T. Bourke (Coach), J. Hogan (Hon Sec.), W. Scott, S. Fletcher, A. Wilson.
SITTING: T. Arnold, E. Bartlett, J. J. Bourke (Patron), J. P. Kelly (Capt), W. C. Arnold (President), G. Bartlett, A. Arnold.
IN FRONT: D. Watt, D. Nohu, G. White, J. Shaw.
ABSENT: D. J. Kelly, J. Burns, J. O'Rourke, B. Watt.

Winners Cambridge Senior Championship, Rickett Cup, and Senior Seven a Side 1944
Played 15, Won 13, Lost 1, Drew 1. Points For 15, Against 33.

on Mr Bill Johnstone's farm to sort out teams for the season. Senior and junior teams had been fielded since the earliest days.

It was Des. McGovera who asked Tom Bourke (now living at Ngarawahia) to show them how to put down a scrum. He did so and a team was formed. Bruce Watt was captain. Other players included Lloyd Kidd (now a Life member), Des. McGovern, Alec Holmes, Vic Knight, Jos. Williams, Andy Pulford, Doug. Watt, Herbert Arnold, Fred Jones, Sid White, Colin Hubbard, J. Armstrong, G. Bartlett and W. Sutherland.

The team had little fortune in the competition. But their coach promised them a dinner if they won the following knock-out and they did.

The following year they beat all comers, won the title, and among the new players were Keith Arnold (later a Kiwi and All Black), Syd McKinder, Fred Voyle, Vin. Peake, Gordon White, Tom Chard and Dick Jones.

Most of these players had gone up to junior grade by 1938 but the new blood proved capable of winning the competition with twelve wins in 13 games. Gordon White, George Bartlett and Roy Arnold, future stalwarts of the senior team, who all played for Waikato were in this team.

THE BOURKES

Families make any sporting club and Bourke will always be one of the first names mentioned in any discussion on Hautapu.

"J.J." started it all, with his long term administration to a Club to which all five of his sons gave distinctive service. In five seasons they were all in the same team.

Eldest son Jack started with Hautapu before World War I, and played for the senior team and for the Cambridge senior reps. for twelve years to 1931. A clever forward, he represented Waikato in 1925, and when playing days were over he gave notable administrative service.

Dan, a powerful forward, in a marathon career, represented Cambridge seniors from 1919 to 1935 and was for a decade a regular selector for Waikato. As a Coach he passed his skills on freely.

Bill had a comparable career. The two brothers often played for Cambridge and Waikato together. As Rover in the days of the 2-3-2 scrum, or at fullback, he was equally capable. What a goal-kicker — one of the best in New Zealand of his era!

Tom, fullback or five-eighth, was both a Cambridge and Tauranga senior representative before turning his attention to coaching as described on another page.

Leo, a brilliant winger played for Cambridge from 1920-27, and represented Waikato. He went to Taranaki the following year, soon represented his new province, and when looking a certainty for the 1928 All Black team to tour South Africa, he broke a leg in the final trial. Otherwise Hautapu would have produced two All Blacks.

A great tale is told of the Bourkes in a game against City in the 1920s. City kicked off. Tom Bourke fielded the ball, passed to Leo, to Bill to Jack to Dan. Bill loomed up a second time, took the last pass and scored a try after the ball had travelled 75 yards with only the Bourke family handling it.

Fittingly, direct descendants of the family are now playing in the Club's children's teams.

SENIOR TEAM — 1928



BACK ROW: A. Miller, J. Harris, D. Bourke, P. Cowan, A. Harris, G. Mann, T. Bourke.
MIDDLE ROW: J. Morris, W. Bourke, H. Cubis (Sec.), J. J. Bourke Sen. (Patron), L. Bourke, A. Thomson, Hall.
FRONT ROW: W. Miller, L. Petersen, H. Roberts, R. Hollier, S. Smilie.
ABSENT: C. Thomson, J. Bourke Jun.

REMEMBER WHEN?

Arty Thompson, one of the most colourful characters who ever wore Hautapu's colours, sprinting down the wing and bursting out of a tackle, minus his shorts!

Arty "streaked" on for the try, with the ball in one hand, the other, trying to hold his jersey down low enough!

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Cambridge was the best team in the world — an often told tale of the 1920s after Cambridge had beaten Thames in a memorable Peace Cup match.

It was around the time when the 1924 All Blacks went on their triumphant, unbeaten tour of the U.K.

In recent memory, Cambridge had beaten Thames, who had beaten Auckland, who had beaten the All Blacks!

Bill Bourke loved to tell the tale!

The wheel went a full circle and Cambridge won the Peace Cup in 1971 and had to defend it in the final challenge of the season against Thames.

On the scheduled date Thames had heavy commitments of team members playing for Thames Valley. Cambridge agreed to postpone the match for a week.

Meantime old-timers of that 1921 match had been invited to attend the clash at Memorial Park. But someone forgot to tell them about the postponement for a week. So a few of them were there, sitting in the grandstand, at Memorial Park, a week early!

They were back again the next week to see Cambridge beat Thames narrowly and hold the Cup through the summer.

KEITH ARNOLD — ALL BLACK

His friends in the famous 1945 Kiwi Army team which blazed a triumphant trail in the United Kingdom called him "Kaydee". Australian halfbacks and inside backs who faced him when he toured there with the 1947 All Blacks called him "Killer".

He was in fact K. D. (Keith) Arnold, a true blue Hautapu product and the Club's only All Black in its long history.

He played in seven of the nine matches during his tour of Australia, including both Tests, scoring a try in the first.

He scored one of the most memorable tries of the Kiwi tour when England were beaten 13-3 on the famous ground at Twickenham. Another of his greatest was when the Kiwis played Wellington after their return home. The great Johnny Smith made the break. "Kaydee" came from "nowhere" to support him for the final pass and the try.

The 1949 New Zealand Selectors decided that Keith Arnold (he weighed about 13 stone) was too light for the tour of South Africa in 1949. While the big men with which the team was packed huffed and puffed in the rarefied South African air as New Zealand lost All four Tests "Kaydee" languished at home.

He represented Waikato from 1941 to 1948, was one of the key players of the 1945 Kiwis following Army service in the Middle East, and later took up farming at Kiritahi, near Morrinsville, where he now lives.

His brother Alan, a fine front-row forward, represented Waikato in 1945-46-47-49. Another brother Roy, played one game on the wing for Waikato in 1947. With more size, Roy could have made the big time, he was full of dash.

Herbert, also a keen club member, and now in Auckland, captained a fine Cambridge junior representative. Trevor, the youngest, was a fine Number Eight forward, who regularly represented Cambridge seniors.

Their father, the late Dick Arnold, originally from the Manawatu, was a great man for rugby in Cambridge as player and administrator.

He was involved in the development of the now fine grounds at Memorial Park, and no man, nor his wife, followed the fortunes of rugby playing sons, more keenly. It was commonplace in the years just after World War II for Hautapu to field a Club senior side including at least four Arnolds.



ALL BLACK

1947 K. D. Arnold

VINTAGE YEARS

The year 1955 heralded a coming vintage era for senior rugby within the Club.

Jim Miller, a stalwart Hautapu supporter for nearly 50 years, had been invited by President, Tom Turnbull to take up coaching after a long stint as a referee.

The foundation was laid through the hard core support of initial captain Bill Lang, vice-captain Jack Wall, Martin Roberts, Graham Wood, Alec Wilson and Frank Wehipeihana.

Early setbacks mattered little — team spirit and combination was developing and in 1956 the team won both the local competition and combined Te Awamutu-Cambridge contest for the Phoenix Cup.

Other stalwarts in this developing side were Jim and Jack Hateley, Peter Hogan (soon to be Waikato's regular hooker), Wally Scott, Barney Reilly, Merritt Smith, John Archer, Milton Lochhead, Bob Diamond, Max Rye, Cliff Wirihana, Mick Alder, Pat Daniel, Tam Martin, Lance Hjorth and Merv. and Clarrie Balsom.

The triumphant sequence continued in 1957. Newcomers included Jim and Don Thompson (sons of former club stars), Gordon Mitchell, John Roberts, Mick Hjorth, Bill Reynolds and Brian Cooke.

Success bred success and brought increasing public interest as Hautapu dominated local and Phoenix Cup competition in following years. The Binnie Cup, then a much more prestigious trophy in Waikato rugby than it is today — it represented the champion club in Waikato and other club champions could challenge — was held for three successive years. The 1961 season, with 375 points scored against 65 spoke of the attractive brand of rugby played. Wins over Auckland Marist and the Auckland champions Waitemota (on their home ground) were eloquent of team ability and spirit. The Binnie, Phoenix, Rickitt and seven-a-side Cups, Fleming Shield and Brunskill trophy were all in Hautapu's grasp.

Many of the old hands played on into their veteran days, with little loss of skills. Other players who made impact were Frank O'Kane (a Hawke's Bay representative, who was to give comparable service to Waikato), John Warren, Pat Bourke, Viv. Hargreaves, Kevin O'Sullivan, Colin Higgins, Albie Zank, Wal Wood (who played 14 consecutive years of senior rugby), Ken Blackler, Earl Bowers, Roy MacDonald, Brian Parkinson, Peter Hyde, Roly Paton, Martin Wehipeihana, Bill Wakefield, Jim Crawshaw, Ron Reid (son of an earlier stalwart Gavin Reid), Peter Nicholl, Graham Henderson, Barry Miller and Ian Udy.

It was 1963 when Mr Millar stepped down from coaching, due to his increasing business commitments. Soon Hautapu seniors were to enter another era, that of competing in the Waikato combined clubs championship.

He praised the "lesser lights" of this era of being great value to team spirit. In stepping down he said.— "I owe all these chaps a debt of gratitude for their support of my ideals in the playing of the game. I am sure their performances will live long in the memory of all true enthusiasts who saw them play".

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Frank Wehipeihana, on the same ground, once successively cut inside six opposing tackles, without being touched, and scored one of the great tries in club memory.

SENIOR TEAM 1956



BACK ROW: P. Daniel, M. Rye, T. Martin, L. Hjorth.
MIDDLE ROW: J. Miller (Coach), A. L. Nicholl (Club Captain), J. Archer, M. J. Roberts, M. Alder, J. R. (staff) Hateley, D. E. Donk (Secretary), T. Turnbull (President).
FRONT ROW: F. Wehipeihana, B. Diamond, J. Wall (Vice-captain), W. D. Lang (Captain), C. M. Smith, C. A. Wilson, Jim Hateley.
ABSENT: P. Hogan, M. Balsom, C. Balsom, C. Wirihana, G. Wood.

SENIOR TEAM 1962



BACK ROW: H. Byrne, P. Bourke, J. Hateley, J. Roberts, B. Parkinson, G. Wood.
MIDDLE ROW: J. Miller (Coach), T. Martin, K. Blackler, G. Mitchell, R. MacDonald, D. Thompson, W. Wood, I. Kidd (President).
FRONT ROW: J. Wall, F. Wehipeihana, F. S. O'Kane (vice-captain), M. Roberts (captain), B. Pedersen, P. Hyde, M. Wehipeihana.
ABSENT: E. Bowers, K. O'Sullivan.

BEER FAMILY ACHIEVEMENT

Direct descendants of Mr George Beer, who played in the original Hautapu team in 1903, are currently playing in the Club's colours.

Andrew, David and George Beer, all sons of the former Cambridge and Waikato representative forward, Percy Beer, are present lower grade players. Bruce Beer, who has served the Club for several years right through to senior grade, is a grand-nephew.

THE THREE "TOMS"

No history of the Hautapu Club would be complete without reference to "the three Toms", particularly for their contribution during the 1930s-40s.

They were, Tom Bourke, Tom Turnbull, and the late Tom Reilly, and of course, their wives, who staunchly supported Club activities.

Tom Bourke, now living in Ngarunwahia, played for the Club from 1918-33, then coached Clubs from third grade to senior standard to 1950, a magnificent record.

Tom Turnbull celebrates 50 years with the Club in its 75th Jubilee year. He played his early rugby in Frankton, came to Cambridge in 1928 and has unbroken association since. His contribution as a Coach to third grade and junior grade players was immense, both at club and Sub-Union level. In 1939 it was nearly the same team for both as Hautapu had 12 players in the Cambridge team which won the Boyce Cup, then the prized junior trophy of the Waikato. Only petrol restrictions prevented their contesting, and probably winning the Clarke Cup.

Many players who went on to become outstanding seniors were blooded in lower grade rugby by both Tom Bourke and Tom Turnbull, both of whom are still keenly interested in the Club.

The late Tom Reilly, had the dedicated love of rugby inherent in a true-blue Irish family. What an administrator he was, both as Secretary to Hautapu, and also to the Cambridge Sub-Union, a position for which he constantly refused remuneration. He was one of the greatest "after-match analysts" of all time. Nothing delighted him more to see the set movement, the breakdown, "the quick heel" as he called it and the setting up of second-phase play for the overlap and a try. His grandson Paul, a brilliant athlete, recently toured Australia with the Junior All Blacks. How proud Tom would have been to know that!

It is hoped that Paul, a winger, will be available to play in the Jubilee fixture this weekend.

A LIFE MEMBER SPEAKS

"Our Club today must thank two outstanding individuals, Roy and Lois MacDonald for their ability to gather and inspire young people to join our ranks. They have done this for many years now".

So spoke Mr Lloyd Kidd former long term player, President, and in all his long years of membership a staunch behind the scenes worker in Club interests.

He likened their contribution to that of the stalwarts of earlier days of which he says—

"What a fantastic period of service has been given by so many individuals and their wives who have steered the Club through good times and bad. There were days when they were ill-equipped with transport, practice fields and club rooms. But they always seemed to have the ability to gather together the young

folk of the district in unity. Further, they welcomed all in their homes at after game functions which greatly boosted the spirit and function of the Club".

To the younger player, Mr Kidd recalls an incident of his younger days which was an important lesson in rugby.

He said— "I had already played a game for the third graders. I was a rather spindly ten stone, the seniors were short of players and I was asked to lock the scrum. However, with the strong and outstanding Dan Bourke at number eight, he simply grabbed me by the seat of the pants and held me in there like a vice. I had no more fears. It taught me that providing you were fit and keen, that senior or any other rugby, held no fears".

LIFE MEMBERS PRESENT

All going well, it is expected that the four living Life members of the Club will attend the Jubilee weekend.

The fact that there have been only seven Life members in 75 years shows that the honour has not been easily attained.

So a particular welcome to Tom Turnbull, Jim Miller, Lloyd Kidd, Wal Wood and families.

Wal Wood the most recent to be awarded the honour in 1975, was one of the most durable players in the history of the Club and during fourteen seasons of senior rugby, also gave fine service to the Cambridge Sub-Union. His work as Treasurer for the Hautapu Club also extended over many years, and his love of physical involvement with the game is now given scope as he serves it as a Referee.

JESSIE

The Club has had few more loyal supporters in its long history than Jessie Thompson, a wonderful sportswoman, who died earlier this year.

Her regular attendance at both Victoria Square and in her usual seat at Memorial Park, always supporting Hautapu, was one of the permanent "fixtures" of Cambridge rugby.

Her golfing programme — she was one of the oldest members and a Life Member of the Cambridge Golf Club — was always arranged so that it did not interfere with watching Hautapu play.

Her brothers Arty, who served abroad in World War I, and Ces, a champion sprinter of his day, both had many distinguished moments for the Club, and for the Cambridge Sub-Union.

Both also represented Waikato. Arty was in the Waikato team which held the 1921 Springboks to a narrow 6-0 win. Later, he successfully selected and coached the Cambridge representatives to win the Fitzlay Cup.

Sadly, Jim, another brother lost his life during World War I. Another sister, Lil, has also passed on.

The younger generation have kept the family name to the fore. Don, a son of Ces, represented Waikato in 1950. Arty's son, Jim, was a purposeful forward for 80 minutes of every game he ever played, and was a valuable Cambridge representative. Philip Thompson, a son of Don, is a member of the present under-19 team.

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Wally Scott scored one of the most popular tries for Hautapu!

He had served the senior team well for ten years and in his last year scored his only try at the Taylor Street end near the season's end.

THE PRESENT

So to the past decade, and the senior team's continuing participation in the Waikato Combined Clubs' competition!

For a start, Hautapu contested the first division, and worthily so in the days when Roy MacDonald and Frank O'Kane were proving their mettle as Coaches.

The best effort came in 1968 when Hautapu finished fifth. That team, under Frank O'Kane was: Ken Moreland, (captain), J. Kilbride, W. Harbutt, W. Reid, D. Miller, D. Feisst, G. Mitchell, P. Mayston, M. Dix, M. Gilmer, D. Hunt, R. Edge, J. Boyd, J. Roberts, G. Lorigan, K. Walker, W. Wood, J. Crawshaw, B. Clarke, E. Holdaway.

But fortunes slipped and Hautapu were relegated to the second division in 1971. Two years later the team was back in the top division. But fortunes sagged to the extent that between 1976 and this year, the senior team slipped from first to third divisioners, for the first time ever. But they soon showed they did not belong there, winning the third division championship, unbeaten in five matches and scoring 100 points to seven, sixteen tries to one — a grand effort by captain Cam. Neilson and coach Rod Hinchco and his men. So it is back to second division next year.

The most encouraging feature of the past two years has been the spectacular surge in strength of the successful under-21 and under-19 teams.

As Hautapu also field Senior Reserve and under-17 teams, the Club would now have the most playing members in its history — a bright augury for the future.

Club spirit is such that much hard work resulted in the first stage of the new clubrooms being built in 1974.

Last summer Club members worked at all manner of physical projects in a successful fund-raising campaign to ensure completion of the Clubrooms project for the Jubilee.

Our President, Roy MacDonald, and immediate Past President, Frank O'Kane have played big parts in this enterprise.

Back in 1975 the senior team, under Coach Graeme Wood and captain Rex Kidd undertook a successful ten-day tour round the East Coast. The benefits of this tour were immediate as Hautapu climbed back into the first division. Now an even more ambitious enterprise is under way, and hopes are high for a tour of Fiji in March next year.

Those who are enjoying this Jubilee reunion in the present \$50,000 Clubrooms are asked to spare a thought for the 30 people who stood behind the club, as Guarantors, when the project was just a vision for the future. Here is hoping that some are present, enjoying a memorable occasion. They richly deserve to be.

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George Bartlett, Hautapu, Cambridge and Waikato centre-threequarters tells this story.

Black shorts were the order of the day for years.

Local men's outfitter, the late Dave McCathie reckoned that Hautapu needed brightening up.

So he donated a complete set of white shorts to the senior team.

It has been white shorts ever since!

HAUTAPU SENIORS 1978

WAIKATO THIRD DIVISION CHAMPIONS



BACK ROW: Kevin Kara, Brian Farrell, Terry West, Geoff. Hicks, Alan Barnsb, Murray Furs, Bill Valentine, Merv. Mead, MIDDLE ROW: Roy MacDonald (president), Rod Hinchco (coach), Brian Rooke, Malcolm Wallace, Fred Collins, Stephen Cooper, Richard Sutherland, Tom Turnbull (patron), Jim Daughin (manager), FRONT ROW: John Hoeborgen, Ken Mead, Keith Walker, Cam Neilson (captain), Malcolm Jensen, Keith Parsons, Bruce Kelly. ABSENT: Garth and Peter Stacey, Basil Tolpar, Warren Charleston.

YOUTH TEAMS BOOMING — FUTURE BRIGHT

Hautapu could field only one age group team as recently as two years ago.

This was the under-19 team, coached by Roy MacDonald. Unavailing efforts were made to field an under-21 team, but the numbers were just not there.

But 1977 was a boom year. There was an encouraging influx of talented youngsters, including many who had played representative rugby for Waikato Secondary Schools under-16 and under-18 teams. Some had been first XV members of the successful Cambridge High School team.

The under-19s, coached by Kevin Bourke and Bruce Beer, finished high in their zonal competition, and won the local and combined Cambridge-Te Awamutu championship.

The under-21s, coached by Ken Moreland and Rob Lord also finished high in their zone and won local and combined Cambridge-Te Awamutu competitions.

This strength was further consolidated in the season now ending, with the added strength of an under-17 team which has shown considerable promise.

During July some of the under-21 team played a leading role in the senior team, which was triumphant in the Waikato third division championship.

The depth of strength among these lower age group players gives the future of the Club, its brightest outlook for many years.

The Club entered the Waikato senior reserve competition in 1971 and a team has played ever since with varying fortunes. This side has been an invaluable source

of reserve players for the main senior team, and when called upon reserve team members have invariably risen to the occasion splendidly at higher level.

REMEMBER WHEN!

During World War II and numbers were sadly thinned! The annual meeting held in the doorway of the Power Board building attracted only four enthusiasts.

Inevitably the three Toms! Turnbull, Reilly and Bourke, plus Innes Nicholl. One resolution.— "To carry on regardless".

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The day in 1900 when Hautapu juniors were playing Kaipaki out at Kaipaki. Bill Webber, the scheduled referee, was an eleventh hour defection. His replacement ordered Jim Kelly off!

Said Jim.— "You can't — you are not the official referee," and played on!

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In a senior championship match against United, Hautapu, leading by two points, were hot on attack when a pass was mishandled.

Gordon Brunskill, at the peak of his form, grabbed the loose ball and set sail for our line 30 yards away. Our wing threequarter Frank Wehipeihana made no attempt to stop him. He just called, casually.— "Whistle, Brunny."

Brunny slowed up. The cover defence had him in a flash!

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The day the senior team played Pirongia. We scored three tries, all converted by Ken Blackler in the first eight minutes and led 15-0. Hautapu spent the next 72 minutes desperately defending their own goal-line but the score did not change. It sounded an easy win but it took a long time to recover from that victory.

July 15, 1961 — a day when Hautapu players were truly proud of Frank O'Kane, a great player and administrator for the Club. "Tireless" to his Waikato team-mates, he was in the Waikato team which beat France 22-3 and he won everlasting distinction by tackling two Frenchmen within the space of as many seconds!

IF YOU HAVE BEEN MISSED!

This Booklet is the outcome of much co-operation from Club members, past and present. They have ventured far down memory lane to help. We thank them. Willing helpers have also come up with a good deal of research.

But inevitably, the booklet is far from being a complete history of the Hautapu Club. Rather does it claim to bring to the reader a cross-section of events which have made Hautapu a happy Club for 75 years.

Many names are mentioned, many more are not. Those responsible for this booklet hasten to add that rugby is like that.

How often has the man who has scored the winning try been made a hero when those who from the depths of the scrums and rucks won the possession that made it possible, were overlooked?

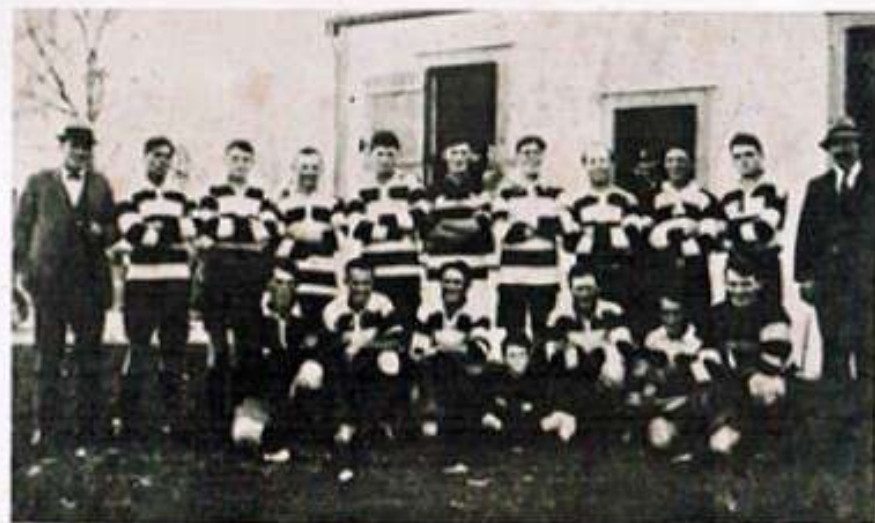
So if you have been an "engine room" worker for the Club and have not rated a mention, don't despair. Your contribution was, and is important. You are warmly welcome, and may this Jubilee occasion be memorable for you.

HAUTAPU 1913



HAUTAPU OLD BOYS 1913.—Played Two Matches. Won Both.
FRONT ROW: R. Newcombe, F. Newcombe, J. Thompson, A. Swayne, Kipl. A. Climo.
MIDDLE ROW: H. Jamieson, B. Bush, R. Haywood, A. McIndoe.
FRONT ROW: H. Kappels, A. Jamieson, F. Swayne, H. Leaning, H. Roberts.

HAUTAPU SENIORS 1919



J. Ambury, T. Kennedy, L. Bourke, E. Thompson, W. Bourke, J. Bourke, W. Gibson, B. Thorpe,
J. Vessey, T. Bourke, O. Newcombe.
IN FRONT: R. Dunning (Capt.), J. Butler, A. Thompson, C. Li Trube, D. Arnold, D. Bourke.
MASCOT: A. Ambury.



CAM NEILSEN (right), Hautapu senior forward and captain who led his team by example and to a 1978 Waikato third division championship title.