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**MATAKANUI RUGBY
FOOTBALL CLUB**

1887-1962

President's Message

In extending a cordial welcome to those who attend the 75th anniversary celebrations of Matakauui Football Club, I would like to thank all who have contributed to the proud record that we have established throughout the years.

In inauguraing these celebrations we congratulate the players and administrators of the last ten or twenty years for the high position we enjoy in Rugby fooball today; but we must also be mindful of the men of those early days who founded the Club and handed on the tradition of sportsmanship and keenness that has been the foundation of our our success in recent times.

The success of our Jubilee in 1937 was due in large measure to the enthusiasm and drive of our secretary at that time, Mr T. Duggan and his assistant, Mr Edward Grace. In acknowledging their service to the club, I would also like to pay a tribute to our prisent secretary, Mr Fred Rigby, who has been no less active on the club's behalf in arranging for our 75th anniversary and especially in the preparation of this booklet.

In conclusion I would like to express my gratitude for the co-operation of the members of my committee and the members o? the Club generally for their active assistance; and I hope that visitors, past and present, will combine to make our 75th Anniversary Celebrations a memorable and worthy occasion.

NEIL WHITE,
President.

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LINE UMPIRE: R. FLANNERY

TEAM MANAGERS:

Senior Team: A. J. ALEXANDER, D. Harnett, asst.

Junior Team: D. L. DUNCAN

COACHES:

Senior: W. C. WILSON

Junior: D. L. DUNCAN

The Club's Record

Presidents

1887-1890	R. SHEPHERD
1890-1915	W. LAIDLAW
1915-1921	
1922-1923	JAS. CLOUSTON
1924-1927	A. C. SCOULAR
1928-1930	H. G. WILSON
1931-1943	JAS. CLOUSTON
1944-1948	T. DONNELLY
1949-1953	T. DUGGAN
1954-1962	C. N. WHITE

Otago Representatives

GEO. DONNELLY	1924
F. B. P. DONNELLY	1924, 25, 28
JACK DONNELLY	1928
T. A. CLOUSTON	1924
W. J. CLOUSTON	1931
C. GILLIES	1938
L. R. HARVEY	1947, 48, 50
K. E. SCOTT	1952
K. J. DUNCAN	1956
A. J. DUNCAN	1956, 60
B. F. DUNCAN	1959, 60, 61
W. C. WILSON	1951, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56
S. R. WILSON	1960
P. J. FLANNERY	1956, 60
J. FLANNERY	1960, 61
J. F. ANDERSON	1956, 57.

Vincent Premierships

MATAKANUI WON THE SENIOR COMPETITION AS UNDER, SINCE ITS AFFILIATION WITH VINCENT SUB-UNION IN 1927

1927	1928	1929	1930	1931	1932	1938	1939
1947	1949	1950	1952	1955	1956	1957	1958
		1959	1960 and 1961				

THE JUNIOR TEAM WERE SUCCESSFUL AS UNDER.—

1938	1942	1943	1944	1946	1947	1951	1954
			1956				



LESTER HARVEY

The club's only All Black. Represented N.Z. in South Africa in 1949 and again against the Lions in 1950.

"Grand Old Man" Of Rugby



MR JAMES CLOUSTON, of Omakau who died this week. Affectionately known as "Pa", he was the grand old man of Rugby in Central Otago. For a long period he was a real force in the Matakau Club (probably the strongest club in Central)—he was many times its president, was a life member, and was a delegate to the Vincent Sub-union for 15 years. "Pa" Clouston had a wide reputation as the man who was always ready to help Rugby players—for years he made his car available to players and spared no personal expense in assisting the game. The name of Clouston was probably the best known name in Central Otago Rugby, and particularly so in Vincent.

Office Bearers, 1887

PRESIDENT: Mr R. SHEPHERD
VICE PRESIDENTS: MESSRS C. HUDDLESTON and J. JONES
CAPTAIN: MR H. BONNINGTON
SECRETARY: MR G. MELLOR
TREASURER: MR W. WALLS
COMMITTEE: MESSRS McCARTHY, J. GREENBANK, A. WILLIAMS
and J. LEAMEY.

Secretaries since 1906

J. Cairns 1906-8; L. Templeton 1909-10; T. Sheppard 1911; M. Cowan 1912; A. Hamilton 1913; E. Naylor 1914-15; T. Duggan 1919-27; J. J. Scott 1928; J. Kilgour 1929-30; P. Moran 1931-33; P. Moran and P. Scoular 1934-36; R. O'Halleron 1937; L. Harvey and A. Glassford 1938-43; G. C. Wilson 1944-48; G. C. Wilson and N. F. Breen (joint) 1949; K. Hamilton 1950-51; N. F. Breen 1952-53; R. J. Truesdale 1954-57; D. L. Duncan 1958-59; S. R. Wilson 1960-61; Ross Harvey 1962.

How the Matakanni Club was started, 1887

"The first practise or kick at Football was held down at the old Station paddocks near Thomson's Creek. There were three paddocks with gorse hedges around them. As one of the paddocks was mostly bog and springs only two of the paddocks were used. I don't think there were any sides chosen. The ball was put down and about forty men and boys of all ages took part. It was a case of every man for himself and there seemed to be as much honour in getting a kick at the ball as there is in getting a try now.

There was a sort of impromptu meeting held on the ground after the match and it was decided to have a meeting the next week to form a club.

John Leamy moved an amendment that they form a HURLING CLUB in place of football; and if it had to be football, that they get a decent round ball, not a damn egg shaped thing like they had there."

(Extract from a letter written by the late George Moran on September 10, 1937 when the 50th Jubilee of the Club was celebrated).



THE 1961 ZINGARI-RICHMOND TEAM

N.Z. Army Rep.



ERIC NAYLOR

1919 New Zealand Army Team: Later toured South Africa. P. W. Day
South African manager).

ZINGARI-RICHMOND, Dunedin

Colours: Red, Yellow and Black

(1) E. S. DIACK

12st 10lb

(17) B. WILLIAMSON

11st

(3) I. SIMPSON

11st 10lb

(4) J. LITTLE

11ht 4lb

(5) B. YOUNG

12st

(6) C. CLARKSON

11st 5lb

(17) O. COLLOTY

11st 5lb

(8) T. TOWNSEND

13st 10lb

(9) W. BARKMAN

12st 6lb

(12) B. DOUGHERTY

13st 6lb

(10) K. MURDOCK

16st 8lb

(11) K. ELLIS

14st 10lb

(13) R. CHARLTON

14st 11lb

(14) D. CASSIDY

11st 10lb

(15) P. RUTHERFORD

11st 4lb

Emergencies: (9) R. KING 12st; (2) E. SOPER 12st 12lb; (16) J. MAYNE
12st 8lb; (2) G. FROST 12st.

Line Umpire: D. COLLOTY

During the 75 years existence of the Matakanui Football Club, one of the outstanding features has been the friendship with the Zingari-Richmond Club of Dunedin. For over twenty years Zingari visited Matakanui every Easter and Matakanui reciprocated by playing Zingari at Dunedin. It is most appropriate, therefore that our old friends should be our honoured guests at this, our Seventy-fifth Jubilee.

MATAKANUI

Colours: Blue and Red

(15) S. R. WILSON

12st

(14) W. S. McINSTOSH

11st 6lb

(13) J. CREIGHTON

11st 8lb

(12) E. DONNELLY

11st

10) J. DAVIES

11st 4lb

(11) P. FLANNERY

12st 7lb

(9) A. DUNCAN

14st 2lb

(8) J. FLANNERY

14st 1lb

(7) E. HUDDLESTON

12st 4lb

(18) G. LAWRENCE

14ht

(6) K. E. SCOTT

14st 2lb

(5) G. SCOTT

14st 7lb

(3) K. GRENNELL

14st 4lb

(2) B. F. DUNCAN

14st

(1) R. LOVE

13st 7lb

Reserves: (17) JOHN PATERSON 14s 2lb; P. KIRKHAM 13st 12lb.

(16) K. J. DUNCAN 12s 7lb; B. R. ROBERTSON 11st.

M. RAMSAY, 12st 8lb.

REFEREE: MR MUIR ROBERTSON, CLYDE

LINE UMPIRE: MR R. H. FLANNERY Matakanui

Club's History, 1887-1914

Having been launched in this unorthodox manner, the Matakānui players very soon entered into the spirit of the game and many enjoyable games played at home and abroad created an intense interest which is apparent in the district right down to the present day.

There was very strong and keen opposition in neighbouring towns and Matakānui took its share of defeats as well as victories. Cambrians was very strong in those days and on occasions handed out some heavy defeats to Matakānui. Generally, however, win or lose, excursion into other areas were joyous affairs and good comradeship and sportsmanship were predominant.

The Club was very active until 1895 but owing to many families leaving Matakānui the football club went into recess until about 1902-3. Cambrians visited Matakānui again and by virtue of Jack Beattie, Bob Mee, Bill Howjohns and Griff Jones, defeated Matakānui by 40 points to nil. Matakānui shaped promisingly against their more experienced opponents and it was not long before Mick Ryan, Alex. Hamilton, Jack Hamilton, Aussie Gray and Frank Templeton were giving good support to the local champion, George Moran. Other good players of that era were Larry Moran and Bill Alexander and those names have continued in the club records until today.

It was during this period, too, that the name Wilson made its appearance in the club's annals. H. G. (Barney) Wilson and W. R. Wilson, both active and proficient players were valuable and conscientious workers in the club's administration. Both these men have sons who carried on the family tradition. Andrew Scoular, proprietor of Matakānui Station organised the club's transport in those days and rendered invaluable support in many ways.

1919-1939

Right into the 1920's Matakānui's history was bound up in Maniototo rather than Vincent in which county Matakānui is situated. The club had long since built up an excellent record but it established some outstanding performances in the twenties.

It was at this time that Matakānui was led by Eric Naylor. Eric had enlisted in the New Zealand Army, went overseas, and served in France while still in his 'teens. At the close of hostilities, Eric won his way into the army team which toured the United Kingdom and South Africa. This was one of the greatest New Zealand teams of all time, and Eric, on his return was a magnificent wing forward, beside the old 2-3-2 scrum.

E. J. Naylor never wore the dark blue jersey of Otago, but it was not because he was not asked. Travelling was not easy in those days and Eric concentrated on his sheep run and football was a recreation only. Also in the Matakānui team in those days were Tom Clouston, the late Jack Donnelly, Frank Donnelly, Bill Clouston; all Otago representatives and other good players such as Bob Winter, Pat and Jack Moran, Bill Wilson, Bill Scoular, Jack Kilgour, Sandy Alexander and a number of others.

It was in the year 1925 that the White Horse Cup was presented as a Challenge Cup for Central Otago Clubs. Matakānui has held this much sought after trophy more than all other clubs in Central put together and there have been some mighty clashes between great teams. One memorable occasion was in 1928 when Matakānui lifted the Cup from Heriot but in that game Eric Naylor's great career ended when he sustained a fractured leg.

The established families of the district have always loyally and actively supported the club. The names "Moran", "Donnelly", "White", and "Huddleston", occur time and time again right through the club



THE 1961 MATAKANUI TEAM

MR JACK DONNELLY
(Life Member)

Mr Donnelly was one of the most popular delegates on the Vincent Sub-union and he served in this capacity for many years. He was manager of many Matakani teams and was president of the club from 1944 to 1948. He was an honorary Vice-president of the O.R.F.U. and is a life member of the Vincent Sub-union



MR T. DUGGAN
(Life Member)

Mr Duggan was secretary of the club from 1921 to 1928 and was a delegate to the Vincent Sub-union from 1928 to 1956. He was a referee from 1929 to 1933; was a country selector on two occasions and served as president from 1949 to 1953. He is also a life member of the Vincent Sub-union.

records until the present day. One of the club's greatest players was Ernie Huddleston and a man who gave outstanding service to the club, being coach and selector for many years.

1945-1962

When the Second World War ended in 1945, Matakanui settled down to re-organise its forces and proceeded to train a team which eventually established a superiority—the completeness of which is unprecedented in Central Otago football. In the 1940's there appeared in the Matakanui team a lock forward who was destined to become the one Matakanui player to wear the All Black jersey. That player was Lester Harvey, a man who established a world-wide reputation and who had a profound influence on the Matakanui Club.

In 1952 the club won the Vincent premiership but in 1953 and 1954 were runnersup to Alexandra. During these years, the club fielded an outstanding junior team and although many of these juniors could have played senior with advantage, the club selectors wisely allowed these boys to mature in the junior grade.

At the beginning of the 1955 season, Matakanui took the field with a young and talented team. The four Duncan brothers, Pat Flannery, John Anderson, Len Anderson and Don Mathieson made their debut in senior football.

Donald Mathieson, badly injured in his first year, never played again and so a brilliant career was nipped in the bud. Also in the team were Ken Scott, Bill Wilson, Jim Morgan, Les Thompson, Jim Tavendale, Gordon Thompson and these men all either wore the Otago jersey or the Otago Sub-unions jersey.

In these past seven years, Matakanui has not been defeated on its home ground, the Omakau Domain. The White Horse Cup still sits on the post waiting for a team to lift it and Matakanui has collected the premiership of Vincent County consistently during that time.

These successes have not been won lightly. Matakanui teams have always taken the field well trained and well coached. Nearly all players earn their living on the district farms and follow healthy outdoor occupations. They are always fit. Lester Harvey instilled into the team, when he was coach, the basic principle of sound and constructive play. Lester was a vigorous player and a vigorous coach. With Russell Milne, the principles he established have been carried on by Bill Wilson, the present coach.

The club has been fortunate in that it has always had an energetic and wise band of officials to guide the club's affairs.

Mr Ted Duggan, secretary for many years and then president for a long term is an outstanding example. Ted now represents Matakanui Riding on the Vincent County Council. Mr Neil White, who has been president for eight years is another man who has given meritorious service to the club. Neil was an outstanding player in the thirties and played with Colin Gillies when that All Black played with Matakanui late in his career.

The late Jack Donnelly was a wonderful worker for the Club. An outstanding forward who represented Otago on many occasions. Jack gave to Vincent, Matakanui and Country football, a service the quality of which has seldom, if ever, been excelled.

Jim Truesdale, Sandy Alexander, Ewen Macphail, Eric Naylor are four men, to name only a few, who have rendered yeoman service to the club. This brief record of the club would not be complete without reference to W. C. Wilson, the present coach and club captain.

As a player, All Black honours just eluded Bill, although he gave outstanding service to Otago for many years at full-back. Bill's service to his club has been just as valuable and Matakanui is justly proud of his record.

The president of the club at the 1937 Jubilee and also

the President of the club for many years was Mr James Clouston. When he died in 1956 he left behind him a record of service to the club extending over half a century.

Matakanui did not play many games without Pa to cheer them on. His two sons, Tom and Bill both played for Otago and Tom, a clever half back, captained the side for many years.

However, Pa's grandson, Jim Morgan must rank near the top of Matakanui players for ability, loyalty and length of service. Jim came into the senior side somewhere near 1946 or 1947 and played with conspicuous ability right through to last year.

Jim never wore the dark blue jersey but he fully deserved to and must have just missed the honour on several occasions. Jim captained the 1955 side which is considered to be the greatest side fielded by Matakanui. Whether this statement is disputed or not, there is no doubt the 1955 team's record surpassed all others.

The captain of our 1962 team is Pat Flannery who has been a member of the senior fifteen since 1955, who captained Otago in 1960. Pat has always played the game which has reflected great credit on his province, his club and himself. Ken Scott is another present day player in the evening of his career of which the club is justly proud. The same could be said of the three Duncan boys, John Anderson, Sandy Wilson and John Flannery, all of whom have gone from Matakanui to play for Otago in recent years.

The 1962 Jubilee Committee wishes all our visitors from near and far a happy Easter with us. May your memories of this Jubilee be always pleasant and remember 1987 is not so far away after all.



*John Leamy,
Life Member
and
Foundation Member*



Bruce Duncan and Allan Duncan

Toured Ceylon with New Zealand Colt's team, 1955. Since then both have represented Otago and have been prominent in both County and Country fixtures.



P. J. FLANNERY opens the score for Otago in the match with Southland in 1956.

Provincial Captains

W. C. WILSON
Captain of Otago
Team, 1956



P. J. FLANNERY,
Captain of Otago
Team, 1960

Autographs