

Matamata Rugby Sub-union



75th Jubilee

Saturday Sunday

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SOUVENIR BOOKLET



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RUGBY
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PROGRAMME

FRIDAY:

Get-together Matamata Rugby Club.

SATURDAY:

Local teams' competition.
Cocktails and dinner.

SUNDAY:

Corinthians v President's XV.
After-match at Ascot Lounge.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

There is probably no more popular institution in Matamata borough and district than the Rugby Sub-union, which has won every major trophy that it is possible to compete for.

It is on record with the New Zealand Rugby Union that a Matamata Sub-union was registered with Auckland in 1909. That is actually two years before the New Zealand Union itself was formed.

Unfortunately there are no records, but very old residents state that the matches in those days were mostly against adjacent large estates such as Patetere (Tirau) and Lockerbie (Morrinsville). The shepherds, ploughmen and their sons must have been very keen in those days as their travelling would be up to 40 miles for a match over dirt tracks and roads on horseback.

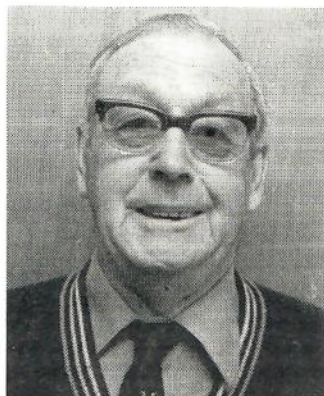
Soon after the turn of this century Matamata secured its first organised major success by winning the Piako Banner, a trophy competed for by the best teams, in what was then termed the Goldfields.

Prior to World War 1 there was a properly organised Sub-union at Matamata affiliated to the old South Auckland Union. Prominent in those days were the Headmaster of the Matamata School, Mr H. J. Moore-Jones, Mr E. R. Greatbach, Mr J. E. Cummings and Mr Albert Mateer. Some of these gentlemen used to drive a double buggy to Te Aroha, or Waihou, where the Union meetings were usually held. It may be said that since the Matamata Estate was cut up and opened for selection, Matamata has been in the forefront in helping to organise Rugby Football throughout Goldfields and Waikato.

There was a suspension of activities during World War 1, 1914-17, but in the latter year the young fellows and returned servicemen felt the urge to play the good old game and in 1918 the district was again organised so that it was ready to take part in the resuscitation of the South Auckland Union (now Waikato). Among the most active men of this period were Messrs H. J. Moore-Jones (President), A. G. Yardley (Secretary and Delegate to the Union), Albert Mateer, David Morrow, R. G. Lewis (Patetere), Harry Lewis (Waharoa) and a little later J. E. Cummings and C. E. Barry. To the last two mentioned may be attributed most of the present solidity of the Matamata Rugby Football Sub-union.

With the increase in population and the popularity of the game the finding of playing areas was a difficulty. This was overcome, to a great extent, by the magnificent gift by Messrs A. and E. Bowler, of Bedford Park and the gates. Messrs Cummings and Barry were appointed trustees and did great work in connection with the formation of the present playing areas. Two original settlers, Messrs J. J. Simpson and J. Cranswick were also associated.

Today the Matamata Rugby Sub-union holds the esteem not only of the Waikato Union but of all rugby executives in the country. The Sub-union is to be congratulated with the new stand and facilities, it is second to none in the Waikato, which is a credit to the Matamata Rugby Sub-union.



JOHN H. SMELLIE,
President.

INTRODUCTION

Within the pages of this souvenir booklet there lies a journey through the last 75 years of local rugby history, condensed by the careful selection of various notes from the sub-union minute books.

They bring to you, the reader, an appreciation of the changing moods of the years, spanning two world wars and the great depression. People endured hardship, food and petrol rationing; also unemployment was rife. Still, the game of rugby lived on. The reason the game survived these times was due, in the main, to the willing band of workers and administrators, who unselfishly gave their time and energy to bring the sport through its infancy.

Today we have a park, grandstand and other amenities that are equal to any in the land. It is due to these people that we can stand proud, and admire the quality of our assets, it is to them that this booklet is dedicated. I hope you enjoy your sojourn through the years and manage to capture the feelings of the time.

—KERRY MCKINLEY, Editor.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE 1984

President: John Smellie; **Chairman:** Eric Jackson; **Secretary:** Merv Tarrant; **Treasurer:** Dudley McEwen; **Hinuera:** John Settle, Gordon Settle, Bill Corin; **Matamata:** Ray Sowry, Garry Smith, Kerry McKinley; **Waharoa-Walton United:** Ian Wilson, Ron James, Ross Southcombe; **Corinthians:** Russell Wood, Rodney Warrender; **Referees:** Eric Jackson, Kevin O'Hanlon; **College:** D. J. McGlashan; **Junior Advisory Board:** Jim Dovell; **Waikato Delegates:** Eric Jackson, Ross Southcombe; **Southern Zone Delegates:** Ross Southcombe, Russell Green.



MATAMATA RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, 1935

Standing: G. S. Wilson, P. Cotter, D. Roigard, J. E. Barker, E. W. Jordon, J. H. Hawes.
Sitting: D. Morrow (Treasurer), C. E. Barry (Hon. Sec.), J. E. Cummings (Chairman), A. G. Yardley (Delegate WRU), J. R. Whelan, W. Clover. **Absent:** H. P. Ensor.

WAHAROA-WALTON UNITED

The Wardville club flourished in the 1930's but went into recess after the war. The Waharoa and Walton clubs, although in close proximity, fielded some very strong sides until the late 1940's when both started to have difficulty in fielding teams.

At the suggestion of the late Mr Jim Doleman, a Waharoa tobacconist, and a great supporter of Waharoa teams, a merger of the two clubs took place.

The meeting of the two clubs took place in 1951 under the chairmanship of Mr W. Kuhtz, who at that time was president of the Walton club.

It was decided at that meeting that the names of the two clubs be kept and the new club be called Waharoa-Walton United.

The new club inherited a small building the size of one of the present changing rooms and the progressive outlook of succeeding committees has built a complex that would be the envy of a much larger centre.

MATAMATA RUGBY CLUB

The Matamata club was formed in 1908 when sixty-nine players first registered for the Black and Whites. Since that time, thirty-five of the club's players have attained higher honours, all making the Waikato senior team. Of these, two played for a New Zealand XV, one for New Zealand Services, three for the North Island, and one, Hugh McLaren, reaching All Black status.

The club was rather nomadic in its early years, with many different premises offering temporary headquarters. It was not until 1946-47 that the first permanent clubrooms were established in an old workshop behind Hawes and Masons establishment. The paddocks where some training was done is now the town's Centennial Drive. This was a bit of mate's rates arrangement, and in 1952 the club purchased Merv Ellery's building opposite the Braeburn Hotel, sited on railway land. Many merry moments were experienced within the hallowed walls of that old tin shed.

The next move was to Comber Street, where the club still is today. The Railway Dept's reason for moving the club was because there was a new goods shed to be built. That was in 1957, that shed was built last year, 1983, but the club has come a long way since then, maybe a tongue-in-cheek thank you to NZR would be in order. The clubrooms also boasted carpet throughout the lounge areas, (@ 30/- a metre quotes Podge Waterson). The club was run on a locker system then, and was heated by a wood-burning fire called a Wunderheat. Wunderheat indeed!!

On the eve of the Matamata races in 1958, fire ravaged the building. So picture if you will, a circle of men, sitting on empty crates, all good club men, sharing a beer and a tear, surveying the shell of their former clubrooms. They resolved to rebuild, and rebuild they did. The club can now be proud of a complex that comprises bar, lounge area and dance floor, modern kitchen, a two table snooker room, two squash courts with change and shower facilities and a fully equipped workout gym.

Yes, the club has a lot to be thankful for, not the least the team of workers and administrators over the years.

HINUERA RUGBY CLUB

The Hinuera Rugby Club was formed as it is known now in March, 1924, when Mr Harry Kennedy called a meeting to reform the club which had been in recess for a number of years. Unfortunately records only date back to 1931, but it is known that the original meeting around 1911 was held in Mr Harry Hopkins' shed, now owned by Mr Bill Tisch. The secretary-treasurer of the club around 1924-30 was shared by Mr W. Oates and Mr W. Hammond. Mr Phil Cotter was elected president, a position he held for 25 years.

Originally the club played games on Messrs Brown and White's property behind the railway station; also at Mr Calder's paddock and on the Cotter estate. The club purchased the Germann homestead in 1962 for £1800 and transformed it into their clubrooms. After completing major alterations and additions at a cost of \$25,000 the club is proud of the facilities offered.

Players who have made first-class appearances are — Waikato: R. Settle, W. Warrender, A. Lowrie, J. Swap, G. Hawke, P. Hawke, C. G. Brown, K. D. Arnold, G. P. Nola, K. Sievers, K. Joyce. After 1974: R. K. Leonard, M. Williams, with W. Warrender and G. P. Nola making the All Black trials.

PATETERE RUGBY

Although Patetere is no longer in the competition, the club did play a large part in the sub-union's history, it being one of the founding clubs. The players were drawn from the Okoroire-Tirau area with Okoroire actually boasting a team as early as 1905. Mr Glynn Lewis was the driving force behind the club in its early years, supplying most of the team with playing gear. Mark Harrison and Chas Scully were also deeply involved in setting up this team, which contained many players of Maori extraction. Mark and Chas were later to prove strong supporters of the club.

The games at that time were played on the grounds which are now the pride of the Tirau Golf Club. In 1907 the Patetere name appeared with a captain named F. Rose Snr. He was ably supported by two rugby stalwarts in Mr H. Moore-Jones and Archie Gray.

The year of 1909 heralded the birth of the Matamata Sub-union as we know it today. Mark Harrison and Frank Rose, along with delegates from Matamata and Waharoa clubs, gathered together to take the first steps in the union of clubs at representative level. Both senior and junior competitions were to be played. Club records are few up until the time of the first world war, but from 1920 on the game really flourished. It was then the names of Jimmy Wright, Nudger Wilson and Jim Stewart emerged, with the latter two giving many years of service to the club.

Many of the club's players were displaying outstanding abilities, to name a few: Snowy Anderson, Arthur and Gordon Brown, Archie Simpson and Mark Strong. Without a doubt Patetere's strongest era in rugby was from 1945-49. The seniors under the guidance of both Archie Simpson and Mark Strong won the championship four times. The juniors, under Bert Darroch, had an unbelievable record while the 3rds with Bunny Morse, won their section three times on end.

In the seasons of 1946-47 many well-known names appeared in the club's colours, among them being Todd Walker, Vic Tyrrell, John Slade-Gully, Pudge Wilson, Ian and Trevor Selby and Jim Seton. Coming up through the

grades were Jerry O'Rourke, Des Major, Bill Anderson (remember Waikato's shield era in the 50's). Also Morris Davis who toured with the NZ Maori team to Western Samoa and Tonga in 1960. He also continued his interest with the club, being a coach of some note. Let us not forget Ron Leonard, one of Patetere's last heroes. He certainly made his mark on the rugby scene at representative level.

To conclude, who could forget the club's supporters — Ken and Ruby Tyrrell, Ollie and Sylvia Corbett (five sons played for the club), Harry and Marie Crawford (endless supply of oranges), George Cotter, Sonny Buchanan, John Emmett, who could forget John striding onto the field leading the team on while playing his harmonica. Yes indeed Patetere club has a long and colourful history. Gone, but certainly not forgotten.

CORINTHIANS

The need to help a rugby player who suffered a permanent disability from a rugby injury saw the beginnings of what is now the Corinthian Rugby Football Club.

That player was Pike Johnston of the Hinuera Rugby Club, who was injured on the playing field before World War II.

The late Mr Tim Lynch, a Te Poi farmer not long returned from overseas with the Second NZEF, decided that something should be done to help this man. He had in mind a charity match, and the opportunity to put this idea into practice arose at a social gathering at which a group of "Kiwis" were welcoming home one of their football friends.

Tim, on noticing that a number present had been talented rugby players in the pre-Hitler era, suggested they field a team of "old timers" against a local team in a benefit match for Pike Johnston.

The team selected by Mr Tim Lynch, in company with Mr W. Carroll, took to the field and defeated a Hinuera XV.

The group, still calling themselves the "Old Timers", played several more matches. These games were good open rugby played for sheer enjoyment and always for charity.

It was in 1946 that the late Mr Jock Sharpe suggested that the "Old Timers" organise themselves into a club, and on July 17, 1946, Mr Lynch convened a meeting of old time rugby players and supporters. The meeting was held at the old Matamata RFC rooms behind Waterson and Company and Dr J. G. Mackereth presided over the following: Messrs A. Simpson, T. J. Lynch, T. P. Ryan, C. R. Munro, A. B. Lowrie, W. M. Carroll, J. C. Sharpe, W. Kneebone, M. W. Madill, W. Hancock, T. E. Sampson, H. R. Summerville, M. Mills, J. Cole, G. Childs, J. Gibson, J. Ralph, A. McLeay and J. McGuire, so the Corinthian Rugby Football Club was born. With the deletion of J. Ralph the above names constitute the club's foundation members.

BRIEFS:

The club toured Fiji in 1958 with 16 of those players obtaining first class status forming the touring team. Corinthians built the scoreboard and clock complex at Bedford Park.

The club hosted the Imperial RFC of Suva (Fiji), NSW Country, Tulsa Comanches (USA) and Club Atletico San Isidro from Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Flashbacks from Matamata Rugby Football Sub-union Minute Book

May 22nd, 1909:

Proposed W. Gordon, Sec. R. Johnston, that secretary write to Mr Withers informing him that if he does not desist from laying odds at the football matches the Union will lay an information against him. CRD.

June 5th, 1909:

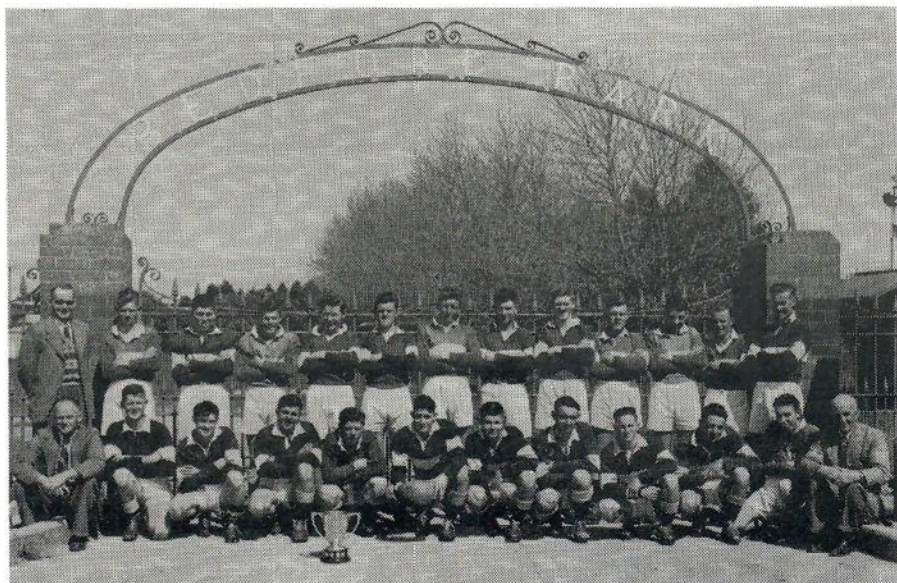
Proposed Lang, Sec. Handcock, that all players playing in jerseys of the wrong colour be fined 1/-. CRD.

May 4th, 1911 Held in the Woolshed at Matamata:

Proposed that the submitted colours of the Aniwa Niwa Football Club be black with White fern, be accepted for registration. CRD.

Sat., September 4th, 1923 was agreed upon for the Union's Annual Social. The charge for admission was fixed at Gents 3/-, Ladies 2/-. Mr Hales was appointed the Union's gatekeeper and the admission charge to club games shall be Gents 1/-, Ladies 6d. Mr D. Morrow was appointed time-keeper.

Proposed Mr Scelly, Sec. Mr Cudby, that the Union supply the time-keeper with a bell. CRD.



MATAMATA RUGBY REPRESENTATIVES, 3rd GRADE

WINNERS CUCKSEY CUP 1953

Back row: M. Simpson (Selector), D. Goessi, B. Simpson (Vice-Capt.), H. Walker, N. Pilcher, B. Williamson, R. Kingsford, B. Clothier, B. Guest, D. Roan, R. James, A. Wright, R. Wilks. Front row: R. Wilcox (Coach), C. Vallis, F. Rusk, K. Vallis, N. Robinson, H. Howard (Capt.), M. King, R. Weston, M. Jeffries, G. Purdy, B. Williams, H. Johnston (Selector).

Tues. April 28th, 1925:

An objection to playing on the Waharoa ground was lodged by the Walton club, owing to a concrete pitch being in the centre of the ground. Waharoa delegates gave an assurance that the ground would be made safe for matches, by covering the concrete with suitable turf.

April 7th, 1927, AGM, Farmers Hall:

Mr Mason appealed for a suitable washing place for players to be installed on the Union grounds and recommended that the management committee look into the matter.

June 7th, 1927:

Moved Cummings, Sec. Roigard, that sec. write to Mr Clark with reference to the timekeeping, and that the Union has every confidence in the timekeeper and that the referee has the sole right to appoint such a timekeeper.

April 23rd, 1928:

Moved J. E. Cummings, Sec. Mr Wilson, that the secretary be thanked for his donation of a cup, and that it be called the Barry Cup for senior competition annually.

Moved Mr Wilson, Sec. Mr Glover, that the refreshment booth be erected at the price quoted, namely £15.

August 30th, 1932:

Moved S. Wilson, Sec. D. Roigard, that the Boxing Association and Girl Guides be charged 2/6 a night for use of the training shed. CRD.

April 9th, 1934:

Moved D. Roigard, Sec. S. Wilson, that the Union endeavour to secure an overdraft with the BNZ not exceeding £100 for improvements to Bedford Park. Improvements being fencing and terracing.

May 8th, 1934:

Moved I. Hawes, Sec. D. Ensor, that the Union issue five tickets each Saturday to the unemployed for club matches only.

May 22nd, 1934:

Moved R. Wrathall, Sec. D. Roigard, that the Union accept the offer of the Tainui Press for 500 programmes at the cost of £1.

June 2nd, 1936:

Proposed Mr Barker, Sec. Mr Hawes, that a protesting letter be sent to Morrinsville regarding the Kiwitahi club's action in poaching players and asking their co-operation in an endeavour to check same.

April 19, 1938:

Proposed Mr Kuhtz, Sec. Mr Fitzgerald, that the Union accept Dr Mackereth's guarantee for the work to floodlight the grounds and that it be started as soon as possible. All clubs are to be requested to endeavour to raise £5 to cover cost.

August 23rd, 1938:

Proposed Mr Landells, Sec. Mr Stewart, that this committee enter a strong protest to the Borough Council against the proposal to build a main highway through Bedford Park.

June 4th, 1940:

Prop. Mr Clover, Sec. Mr Cotter, that Cambridge be approached re playing at Matamata on June 15th. Proceeds to go to the Sick and Wounded Fund.

1909 Pat Quinlan - President. W. Gordon - selector, Laurie Hancock. G. Quinlan ^{capt} kiled
 W Douglas - still playing 1933 onward, Sammy Rae, Fred Livingstone. E Greenwood -
 when the train did not suit a coach & feet was means for emergency, Secretary

May 1st, 1941, AGM:

A deputation from the Home Guard was received and after considerable discussion Prop. Mr Griffiths, Sec. Mr Potts, that for the duration of the war, clubs in the Matamata Union function as usual, but all senior players be drawn only from the Home Guard, Emergency Precautions scheme, Divitorial and Allied organisations with due safeguards for men procuring bona fide evidence that they are enlisted men, waiting to be called to camp.

June 24th, 1941:

Prop. Mr Hawes, Sec. Mr Carlson, that all games be cancelled on July 19th, the date of the Patriotic Race Meeting. Prop. Mr Hawes, Sec. Mr Johnston, that all referees be instructed to advise line umpires that they must not "barrack" or coach during games.

July 12th, 1943:

In the matter of the 72 gallons of benzine received, Messrs Mitchell and Hollis to receive 6 gallons and secretary to distribute the remaining 60 gallons to clubs requiring same.

July 23rd, 1946:

Dr Mackereth reported the formation of a Corinthian Club composed of ex rep players. The object of the club would be to foster interest of rugby in the community, and to play three or four matches per season to assist any worthy cause. President Dr Mackereth, Sec. Mr H. Summerville, Club Capt. Mr M. Madill.

August 6th, 1946:

Mr Thompson reported Matamata Primary Schools' Association had entered a team for the Roller Mills Shield. The local team was to play Ngatea.



MATAMATA REPS. 1909

Back row: W. Gordon, T. McLeay, G. Mason, W. Knight, W. Livingstone, Ned Hall, Norman Garland, Livingstone.
 Middle row: Pat Quinlan (Manager), H. Francis, G. Quinlan, W. Quinlan, L. Hancock, G. Quinlan, Segar Mason (referee).
 Front row: W. Douglas, A. Mateer, S. Rae (capt), G. Strong, F. Livingstone, A. Greenwood.

August 20th, 1946:

A deputation from St John's Ambulance Brigade, Messrs Harris, Cresswell and Rae, waited on the meeting. The chairman explained that the Barbarians v's Matamata Reps on Sept 21st had been set aside as a benefit match for the brigade in order to raise funds for their ambulance. Mr Harris thanked the union for its generosity.

February 25th, 1947:

Moved K. Gorrie, Sec. Mackereth, that H. Johnston be instructed to interview Borough Council re prospect of a hot water service if the bore is successful.

April 22nd, 1947:

Moved Dr Mackereth, Sec. W. Kultz, that sprig inspections to be carried out. On a motion from K. Gorrie, Sec. W. Kultz, Mr G. Woodroffe was commissioned to purchase a last and hammer for the Union.

April 29th, 1947:

A letter was received from the Waikato Union asking the sub-union selectors to get busy with rep teams, each to play one game before the King's birthday.

March 30th, 1949:

Moved Mr Quinlan, Sec. Mr Warrender, that the Union support the use of aluminium sprigs. It was also agreed that Te Poi affiliate to the Hinuera club, their colours to be green and gold. Waharoa's colours were changing back to the original of red and black, with the juniors and third grade being white.

August 9th, 1949:

It was decided to accept Dr Mackereth's offer of the scrum machine at a cost of £13-5-4d.

May 22nd, 1951:

Mr P. Bradley's quote of £43-10-0d to be accepted for the erection of the Memorial Scoreboard.

July 3rd, 1951:

A report was received of the finding of several golf tees on the playing area, and it was decided to write to the Golf Club pointing out the possible dangers of leaving them on the ground.

July 22nd, 1952:

Moved W. Kultz, Sec. R. Hastings, that the sub-union write a letter of congratulations to Hugh McLaren on his attaining All Black honours.

March 14th, 1956:

A secret ballot was held to decide the new colour for the sub-union reps, to be chosen between white or black, and as a result of the ballot black was duly declared the new colour of the MRU.

August 29th, 1961:

Mr Wilcox reported that on September 2nd the Waikato RU were to make a presentation of a silver tea service to Ian Clarke on his 200th first class game.

May 15th, 1962:

A. Molesworth reported that the new radio station could be contacted re: broadcasting the first Peace Cup game. Mr Winston McCarthy stated that he would be only too happy to do the commentary.

September 6th, 1955:

C. Mapp moved A. Molesworth sec. that visiting teams be given the use of the middle dressing room, the home team will change on the sawdust area.

September 20th, 1955:

The marching girls request to give a display between the junior and senior games was granted.

February 7th, 1956:

Mr Kultz reported that the WRU was going into the question of exchanging the Hillcrest ground for Rugby Park, or some other suitable scheme of exchange.

April 17th, 1956:

Goal posts. Re: the offer of blue gum saplings from H. Johnstone, it was left to A. Molesworth to contact D. Weston to see if suitable posts could be procured from the Kaimai mill.

June 9th, 1957:

Sprig inspection: The referees delegate reported that these were carried out and many boots were found to be clogged up with mud and sheep droppings and he felt this matter should be rectified.

July 30th, 1957:

It was agreed that Mrs Fagan be paid £2-0-0 for making a new flag for the union.

August 6th, 1957:

An offer of a £2000 loan from the Waikato RU to the building fund was accepted.

September 3rd, 1957:

Suggestions to govern Rugby Park were tabled listing matters pertaining to the Waikato RU taking over the park.

March 31st, 1958:

The Waikato RU delegate Mr Kultz reported that the loan of £2750 from the NZRU had been granted — R. Wilcox moved, V. Crawford sec. that the building project be gone ahead with.

April 15th, 1958:

Mr Cotter moved that the sub-union form a Junior Advisory Board to look after the interests of the boys' teams. T. Ross seconded, and the motion was carried. The first members to be J. Berryman (Matamata), A. W. Temm (Convent), T. Ross (United), R. Foster (Hinuera), J. Bently (Patetere).

June 3rd, 1958:

Waikato RU delegate reported that the engineers plans for the proposed new stand at Rugby Park had arrived from Christchurch. Approx. cost £50-52,000. The stand was designed so it could be extended both ends.

July 15th, 1958:

A. Molesworth reported that Mr Mason thought the ceilings of the new pavilion should be done throughout. It was decided to adhere to the original plans as the extra finance was not available at the moment.

April 7th, 1959:

K. Greeds tender of £12-0-0 for the old dressing sheds was accepted.

June 23rd, 1959:

The grounds canteen and all amenities at Bedford Park was granted to the Northern Roller Mills Committee for their tournament in August.

July 7th, 1959:

After discussing the tenders received for the old training shed, K. Barbours tender of £156-0-0 was accepted.

May 24th, 1960:

The player before the judiciary committee stated that in his opinion he was not ordered off, but had walked off on his own accord after the incident. He said the referee had penalised him, he told the referee what he could do with his game and walked off.

August 1st, 1961:

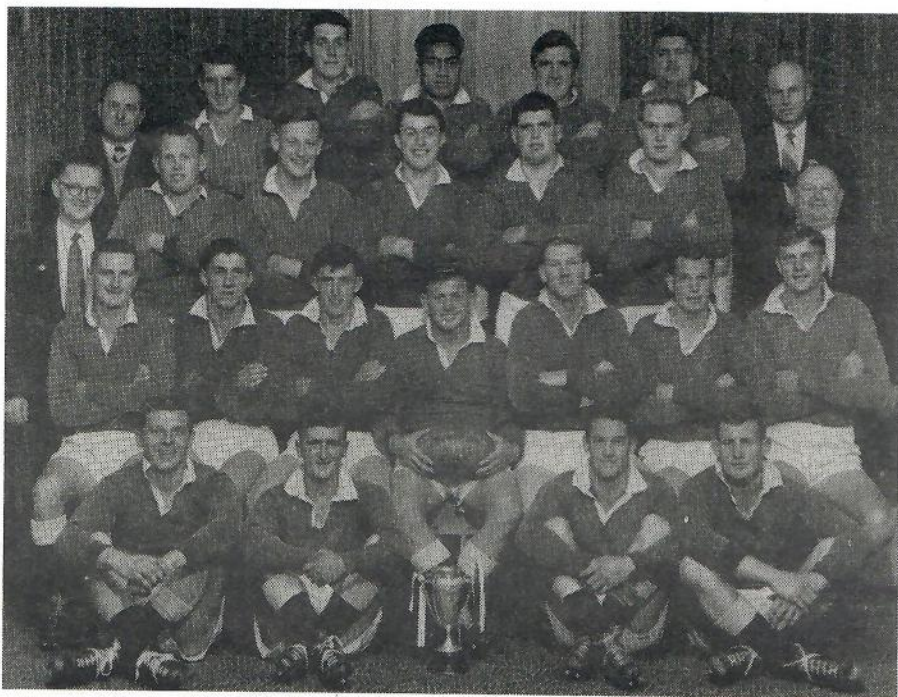
The Waikato RU delegate reported that gate receipts for the French game were approximately £8,500.

August 22nd, 1961:

The committee endorsed the chairman's action in allocating one gallon of benzine per player for cars travelling to rep. matches.

August 27th, 1963:

Mr Howard stated that after some discussion within the Waikato RU meeting, the Hamilton player who had been suspended for 10 years had had his sentence reduced to five years.



MATAMATA SENIOR RUGBY REPRESENTATIVE TEAM

WINNERS PEACE CUP 1961

Back row: R. Hastings (Manager), R. C. Wildbore, J. C. Kettles, R. A. Tuhakaraina, W. Clarkin, M. H. Davis, A. D. Molesworth (President Matamata Rugby Sub-union).

Middle row: R. W. Dobson (Secretary Matamata Rugby Sub-union), M. J. McDonald, G. S. Barnes, R. D. Burd, B. A. Forrest, R. N. Fisher, T. M. Guy (Sole Selector and Coach).

Sitting: R. A. Hooper, G. A. Settle, A. J. Cochrane, L. B. Corbett (Captain), B. A. Guest, K. F. Keaney, D. J. Spring.

In front: P. T. Davis, I. D. Hooper, The Peace Cup, F. A. G. Rusk, S. B. Stanley.

Absent: A. Boyd.

April 21st, 1964:

Mr F. Hughes was confirmed as the Sub-union first paid gatekeeper and delegates were to inform coaches that players must produce players' passes at the gate. The president also reported on the talk and kicking demonstrations put on by D. B. Clarke, stating that over 400 boys attended.

May 19th, 1964:

D. McGlashan reported that the Corinthian club had invited D. B. Clarke and A. Lydiard to Matamata to give talks and show films. He also said that after the Matamata versus Marist game at Putaruru a Matamata player had gone up to a Marist player to shake hands with him, and was very surprised when he was hit on the jaw instead.

March 2nd, 1965:

G. Hawke reported that the Hinuera club requested that they wished to change their jersey from yellow and black hoops, to a plain yellow with a black collar.

March 16th, 1966:

AGM, Mr R. Wilcox presented a report from the Waikato RU stating that Mr Ivan Howard had been nominated as president of the WRU for the 1966 season.

June 14th, 1966:

A function was to be held to present Mr Ray Dobson with his life membership badge. Catering arrangements: Solids — Mr Lewis; Liquids — Mr Hastings.

September 6th, 1966:

Mr McGlashan reported that the cost of tubular goal posts would be approx. £72-0-0, this covered cost of pipe and welding only, erection of same to be voluntary.

August 15th, 1967:

Following the changeover to decimal currency charges were set at 10 cents for stand 20 cents for gate 10 cents for car.

October 15th, 1968:

Mr Molesworth speaking on his Life Membership thanking members for sentiments expressed, but felt that it should not be taken as a sign that he had been "put out to grass".

February 18th, 1969:

Re: New grandstand, a donation of \$100 from Waikato Savings Bank, the loan from NZRFU for \$12,500 was approved. Two tenders received C. & M. McKenzie were successful, quoting \$24,982.

July 28th, 1970:

A serious view was taken of two team sheets given to referees — one team on a piece of cardboard, another on a tote ticket.

March 13th, 1974:

The news that the Patetere club had gone into recess was received with regret. Congratulations were also forwarded to Terry Morrison on his attaining All Black status.

February 14th, 1975:

That the Matamata sub-union nominate Mr George Simpkin for Waikato selector-coach.

March 2nd, 1977:

The sub-union president Mr Alex Mikkelson congratulated Murray Taylor and Kit Fawcett on their attaining All Black status.

July 7th, 1978:

The Waikato RU recommended to the Referees' Association to use the "sin bin" system as had been implemented in Auckland.

March 7th, 1979:

It was moved T. Fisher, sec. D. Jackson, that Bluey Howell continue his duty as "Clockologist".

July 9th, 1979:

It was decided to erect a temporary scoreboard for the coming Roller Mills Tournament to be held at Bedford Park.

July 28th, 1981:

The chairman, Mr E. Jackson, reported in depth on the Thursday and Friday prior to the Waikato v's Springboks game. This he added proved to be a non event.

February 24th, 1982:

President Mr Bob Hastings stated in his annual report that the sub-union congratulations go out to Mr Doug McGlashan, president-elect of the Waikato RU.

February 8th, 1983:

New fencing on the Rata Street frontage was to be organised and erected by the Kiwanis Club members.



MATAMATA JUNIOR REPRESENTATIVE TEAM 1929

WINNERS OF WAIKATO CHAMPIONSHIP (CLARKE CUP) AND BOYCE CUP

Back row: J. F. Smith, T. Hill, C. P. Ford.

Standing: F. Holmes (Coach), C. Hill, A. Hawes, J. A. Carroll, E. W. Malligan, R. Devey.

Sitting: W. L. Hollis (Coach), J. Fell, R. G. Gunn, E. Yanko (Capt.), W. H. Oates, K. Fitzgerald, R. McCready (Selector).

Front row: J. Sheat, N. J. Sutherland, K. H. Henry, J. J. Simpson, A. W. E. Bragg.

Absent: E. Brown, A. Hawke, I. Howard, W. Carroll.



MATAMATA FOOTBALL REPRESENTATIVES 1925

**Back row: F. E. Lark (Secretary), J. Rickard, G. Wilson, F. Anderson, K. Yanko, E. Simpson.
 Centre row: R. Anderson, R. Devey, W. Khutz, L. Fausett, E. Green, E. Fell.
 Front row: J. Hetherington, C. Quigg, J. Wright (Captain), J. Owens, F. Batley.**



MATAMATA RUGBY SUB-UNION

WINNERS OF PEACE CUP 1974

**Top left: B. Settle, B. Pyper, D. Petrie, T. Ryan, P. Ryan, G. Honeybun, L. Pauro, P. Ormsby.
 Middle: L. O'Connor (Coach), R. Orr, G. Spice, W. Welch, R. Crawford (President), J. Smellie, L. Edwards, P. Wilcox, R. Green (Manager).
 Front: R. Peddie, G. Muir, F. Van Berlo, C. Lowe (Captain), R. McGlashan, T. Edwards,
 J. Day. Absent: A. McDonald, J. Welch, J. Hopa.**