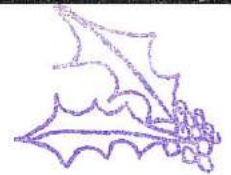


A CHRISTIAN MESSAGE FROM YOUR SECRETARY



First of all congratulations to all players for a highly successful start to the season. The spirit and enthusiasm in the club at present is excellent and there have been many fine achievements on and off the field.

The playing record of the top three sides is worth consideration :

Ist	P	W	D	L
	16	8	5	3
2nd	13	8	4	1
3rd	13	11	2	0
Total	<u>42</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>4</u>

The 3rds need special praise for remaining unbeaten, and the 2nds have not lost a league match (with a little help from the Oxford fog ) It is also most pleasing to see the 1st team doing so well after the loss of key players from last season. The Mixes side has also had a successful 'social' start culminating in an excellent party last Saturday - a big thank you to all those involved.

It is my sad duty to report that a number of players are on the move to distant parts ... Andy Gregory, a player of vast experience and a long standing member of the club .... Mike Levan, a full half season without injury who is bound to break a leg (at least) in his last game on Saturday .... Ian Oakes, who will hopefully continue to come from Bristol and play, providing he abstains on Friday night. We wish them all well in their new ventures. "Old" members may also like to know that Brian Owles is emigrating to Australia in the New Year ... he is coming to the dinner so you can wave two fingers at him in the usual Umpires fashion then.

I would like to mention two important social events in the New Year

The Dinner on the 21st January is a must.. please book your 'team ticket' through your captain or let me know your requirements. It should be a highly enjoyable evening for all players, wives and/or girlfriends.

Secondly the Racing Evening on 12 February (Racing films with a tote) should be great fun. Horses will be up for sale in the near future. Put the date in your diary NOW.

I hope you have enjoyed the season to date. Best wishes for Christmas and the 1983 season.

Norman

