

## Cricket.

When it was decided at the 1990 Annual General Meeting of the Dornoch Cricket Club, that the only way to get a full fixture list for 1991 would be to enter the North of Scotland Reserve League, there was a certain amount of trepidation. As it turned out events wildly exceeded expectations. The Club were undefeated in the League, won the annual match against a Caithness side, to regain the Burghfield Trophy, and were only defeated twice, both in Knockout competitions, and by narrow margins.

The transition from friendly matches, where the result is not always important, to cut throat competition with strict rules, was easily taken. The players developed an aggressiveness in their game that ensured that matches were won, which could easily have gone the other way without that determination to succeed.

Dornoch's other strength was that both in batting and bowling, everyone played their part. If the top order batsmen failed then a lower order batsman would come good, and the depth of bowling meant that runs were never easily obtained by the opposition. The standard of fielding and catching steadily improved through the season, and everyone played their part in this important aspect.

The Club are extremely grateful to Robbie Bowie, who as well as being Chairman, turned out in all weathers to umpire home matches.

It is hoped to have some indoor nets at Invergordon during the winter. New players are always welcome, and a phone call to Tim Jarvis on Dornoch 810809 will obtain details of next years activities.

Although cricket is not a major sport in the North, Sutherland may be proud of the achievements of the Dornoch Cricket Club in 1991.