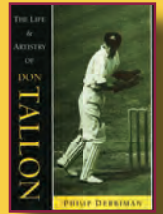
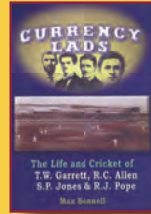




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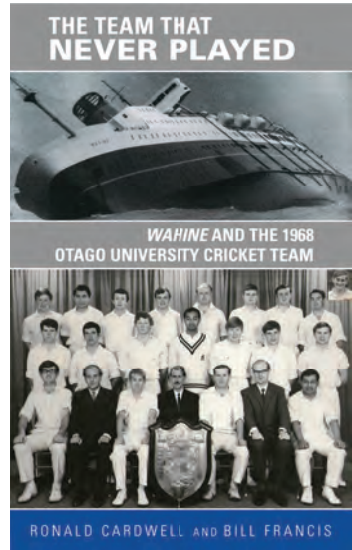
THE TEAM THAT NEVER PLAYED

WAHINE AND THE 1968 OTAGO UNIVERSITY CRICKET TEAM

For the Otago University cricket team the start of the Easter holiday break of 1968 had the players at a high level of anticipation as they boarded their ship at Lyttleton. Ahead was a social journey to Palmerston North accompanied by players from Canterbury and Lincoln Universities, followed by glorious days of tournament cricket. As the eleven players stepped on board none could foresee that by the end of the voyage fifty-one of their fellow passengers would be dead. Nor, that not a ball would be bowled in Palmerston North. *The Team That Never Played* is the story of those eleven Otago players, their frightening experience on TEV *Wahine*, and what became of their lives in the forty-five years since that fateful journey.

After forty-five years the *Wahine* tragedy, according to a TVNZ viewers' poll, remains the fourth-largest television news story in New Zealand. Despite its wide coverage, there remain many inconsistencies and myths surrounding the ferry's sinking – and many stories to be told.

This publication offers a unique perspective on the greatest shipping disaster of the twentieth century in New Zealand from the members of the Otago University cricket team. They, along with others involved in the rescue efforts or present in Wellington that day, have provided, in some cases, never-before-told accounts of the events of 10 April 1968.



The book has been written by Sydney Insolvency Practitioner and cricket writer Ronald Cardwell together with New Zealand writer, former sports editor, journalist and commentator Bill Francis with a Foreword by Glenn Turner, a former New Zealand player who grew up in Otago. It has been produced in a trade edition costing \$40.00 (plus GST) and a limited edition of forty-five copies, \$200.00 (plus GST). This is the number of years since 'The Team That Never Played' assembled for the ill-fated voyage on the *Wahine*.

The limited edition has a blue leather spine with raised bands, Buckram cloth sides, marbled end papers and a gold book ribbon marker. The selected Otago University team for the New Zealand Universities Easter Tournament at Massey University Palmerston North in April 1968 have signed the book. The team included a number of first-class and Test players. The book is available from The Cricket Publishing Company, details below.



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