Volume five covers Canterbury’s first class cricketers from No. 401 Jack D’Arcy to

No. 450 Don McLeod. Included in this volume are cricketers such as fast bowler Dick Motz

who burst on to the first class scene at the age of 17 by taking three wickets in his three overs

and have Northern Districts at three for 12. He then helped Sammy Guillen to put on 67 for the

ninth wicket in 49 minutes and give a Canterbury a lead of 17 runs. Over his eleven career he

was very much the face of Canterbury cricket taking 239 wickets and scoring over 1,500 runs.

His century against Otago in January 1968 made off 63 balls in 53 minutes epitomised his

approach to batting and remains the fastest first class century by a Canterbury player. Motz went

on to play 32 Tests for New Zealand and was the first bowler to take 100 test wickets.

Beginning his Canterbury career in December 1958, Graham Dowling went on to play 58

matches over eleven seasons and his final aggregate of 3,690 runs was a record for a Canterbury

player. His 206 was equal top score with Curly Page and was made in only his second match as captain.

He made his test debut against South Africa in December 1961 and from that time he was an automatic

selection for New Zealand until an injury in 1971 brought a close to his career. He played in 39 tests

and in February 1968 with his innings of 239 he became the first test player to score a double century

on debut as captain.

Brian Adams, a life member and a former Chairman of the Canterbury Cricket Association,

has written this history of cricket in Canterbury highlighting the players and the contribution

they made to the success of the sport in the province. With individual photos of many of the

players and their teams, the book provides a valuable insight into cricket and life in the period

from 1955 until1968. It contains not only the player’s match by match performances but also a

close analysis of their career and their life outside of cricket.