



When the Rebels took the field against a pre-1985 season line-up of Upper Hutt Tigers, they did rather well. This was due largely to the services of Mike Kuiti, a Foxton lad playing in Wellington, who coached the Rebels before in some ball-skill sessions.

Terry Hapi says Mike taught them how to play as a team and what the laws of rugby league were. Terry says the player participation really clinched the league attraction and once they got a taste of the physical part, they were off.

Some club members say as a contact sport, it's very exciting. The women agree they like to watch because it's like watching gladiators.

You soon discover that the women play a big part in the Foxton Rebels club, and it surprised me that none are playing as yet. But they have got in there right from the start. In fact there are four committees in the club, the building fund, travel, the main committee and a supporters committee.

The building fund committee is fundraising for club premises, the travel committee had its biggest task in finding the cash to support their boys when they went to Christchurch for the Tusk Cup in September last year. Over nine thousand dollars was needed to cover the three bus loads that went, ferry fare and all accommodation included. One

hundred and four Foxton Rebel supporters went like this, as well as those who went under their own steam, like the mayor.

After an individual travelling charge was made, four thousand dollars was raised in the month before, from fundraising events that ranged from

'bidding for the bag' at the Manawatu Hotel to discos, car-washes, coffee evenings and garage sales. Foxton businesses also gave of their best to ensure the success of the Rebel trip.

Foxton is not a rich town, in terms of big industry and employment. In fact Feltex Carpets are the major employer

