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Chairman's message

A warm welcome, everyone, to Kiwitea Street today, for our third home game this season in the New Zealand Football Championship. We particularly welcome Perry Cotton and his Hawkes Bay United squad and their supporters to our home on the occasion of their first of two visits to our ground this season.

Developments over the last fortnight mean that this week's Chairman's Message is going to be rather heavy on the congratulatory front, but just as we are swift to criticise short-comings, so we should just as readily acknowledge achievements.

So without further ado, we congratulate our numerous contenders at this Friday's NZ Soccer awards evening, namely Allan Jones (up for NZFC Coach of the Year), Ross Nicholson and Grant Young (NZFC Player of the Year rivals), Scott Wilson (Programme of the Year) and Colin Cook (Website of the Year).

Also, congratulations are extended to our Auckland City Academy squad, under the guidance of coaches Aaron McFarland and Peter Martin. They downed Waitakere 2-1 here at Kiwitea Street last Saturday, and the feedback regarding their efforts has been very encouraging.

Lastly, but by no means least, congratulations to the first team squad on their performance in Otago, where they secured three points despite the absence, for various reasons, of five players who have become regular first-team selections over time.

We look forward to seeing those currently sidelined by injury back in action fairly soon, and extend best wishes to them for a speedy recovery.

Don't forget to keep an eye out for the NZFC highlights programme each Wednesday evening on Sky Sports 3 at 7.00pm - thirty minutes of highlights and comments from the previous weekend's action.

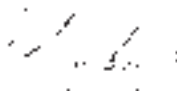
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We hope you enjoy today's match in the 2005-6 New Zealand Football Championship, and trust you'll join us upstairs in the clubhouse after the match.

Saturday 19th November, 2005

*Auckland City FC vs. Hawkes Bay United
Kiwitea St, Sandringham*



Ivan Vuksich





Tight at the Top After Four Rounds

by Jeremy Ruane

Four teams are locked on nine points after the first four rounds of the NZ Community Trust Football Championship, but while the closeness of the competition at its business end is certainly encouraging, equally concerning is how two teams are already shaping up as being also-rans in the 2005-6 campaign.

Hawkes Bay United, without a point to their name to date, and Waikato FC, who last week suffered the heaviest-ever defeat in the brief history of the NZFC, are both sources of concern at this early stage of the campaign, concerns which they'll be keen to arrest to avoid comparisons with a struggling team from the other side of the Harbour Bridge which is involved in a rival competition!

Two teams have scored the maximum six points since our last home game a fortnight ago, and unfortunately for Auckland City, one of them happened to be the conquerors of the reigning champions when we last gathered here at Kiwitea Street.

Canterbury United have made a strong start to the campaign, and followed up that 3-2 triumph with a 2-0 victory over our opponents this afternoon. Brent Fisher was on target in both matches, netting twice at this venue.

The other team to maximise their points-scoring opportunities is Youngheart Manawatu, who, it's fair to say, are proving to be the early season surprise package, with their Solomon Islands' influence - Commins Menapi, in particular, has flourished in early season action - having played a significant role in their surge to a share of first place thus far.

A 4-1 rout of Hawkes Bay was followed by a come-from-behind 2-1 defeat of Team Wellington, another team to have struggled early doors, this despite coming from behind to conquer Waikato

4-2 in the capital, with Peter Halstead's late introduction rewarded by two goals.

Otago United have encountered both Auckland teams on home turf in the last fortnight, with Waitakere United softening them up prior to Auckland City's arrival in the Edinburgh of the south!

The West Aucklanders went down 1-0 in their clash, with Blair Scoullar maintaining his goal-a-game record to separate the teams on the scoreboard. That result saw Waikato cop a fearful backlash last week, as they succumbed 7-1 to a rampant Waitakere side, one which saw two two-goal heroes hitting the target.

While Hone Fowler is the less celebrated of the duo, the other, Richie Cardozo, has made a strong start to life in the NZFC, his brace of goals securing him the early lead in the Golden Boot stakes, with five strikes thus far.

And what of last season's goal machines? Both Keryn Jordan and Grant Young were

on target as Auckland stormed to a three-goal lead before holding off Otago 3-2 last weekend, a result which leaves City, Manawatu, Canterbury and Waitakere sharing the lead at this stage of proceedings, the last-mentioned topping the pile by virtue of their goal difference-bolstering bonanza last Sunday.

City, of course, kick off this weekend's action by hosting Bay at 4pm this afternoon. The other two such timed fixtures take place on the Sabbath, with Canterbury visiting Team Wellington at Newtown Park, while Waikato Stadium plays host to the clash of Waikato and Otago.

The game of the round, however, takes place at 3pm on Sunday afternoon, when two of the four teams locked at the top of the table, Manawatu and Waitakere, lock horns in Palmerston North.

Four teams are locked on nine points after the first four rounds of the NZ Community Trust Football Championship

PROFILE

LUIS DEL MONTE

DOB: 09/03/1980
Place of birth: Sao Paulo
Position: Midfield
Squad Number: 15
Previous Clubs: YoungHeart Manawatu, Central United
NZFC Appearances: 20
Height: 170cm
Weight: 66kg
Favourite Club: Palmeiras
Player I admire the most: Edmundo (The Animal)



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COACH'S COMMENT

Having only sixteen players available to travel to Otago last week made selection of relatively easy. We elected to attack them from the word go and were good enough to take a 3-0 lead early into the second half. But as I keep saying the difference between teams this season is very little, and in typical Otago fashion they came back and made a really good game of it.

So it is with this fact in mind that we approach the forthcoming fixture with

Hawkes Bay. Although the club is pointless at this stage and lodged at the foot of the table they show great spirit and tenacity in their approach to the game. They fought like tigers down in Christchurch last week going down eventually 2-0 to Canterbury. Their second half performance was more than encouraging and I'm sure Perry Cotton will take heart from this effort.

So whilst we extend a very warm welcome to all the players, officials and travelling supporters from the Bay let measure you we will not be taking this game lightly and we will show the utmost respect for a club that has such a proud history at this level.



ALLAN JONES



Hawke's Bay United represents the eastern coast of the North Island in the New Zealand Football Championship, a franchise-based National League that replaced the club-based national competition in 2004.

Situated at Park Island in Napier, Hawke's Bay United (previously Napier City Soccer) was renamed in the 2005 off-season. The Board felt that the new name better reflected the true nature of the team in all senses. The "Bay" has always been a proud and successful football area in New Zealand and Hawke's Bay United are keen to see this continue in the new competition.

Hawke's Bay United is a partnership between Central Soccer (the regional body of Soccer in the Central North Island), Sport Hawke's Bay and Napier City Rovers.

The team have started this season with 4 losses and currently sit on the bottom of the table. While they have only put one goal away this year they have a better defensive record than Waikato FC above them.

In four games in the 2005 New Zealand Football Championship Hawke's Bay United have conceded ten goals and scored just one, leaving them marooned at the foot of the eight-team table. In the words of coach Perry Cotton "to date we have not stopped the opposition from playing football, we need to be harder on the ball and

contest for every scrap and demand the ball from the opposition".

Hawke's Bay United's effort will be on securing a win and receiving their first points on the table, there is a lot of pride at stake for Hawke's Bay United this week.

There is nothing more dangerous than a team such as Hawke's Bay looking for their first points and Hawke's Bay have been slated by their local media and will be under pressure also from their supporters to get points. Allan Jones is well aware of the danger his side faces from the Bay side, which is coached by former All White Perry Cotton. Cotton, who enjoyed a successful playing career with Napier City Rovers, will be finding his foray into coaching tough currently, will no doubt have his side "fired up" for their journey north.

Encounters between the sides usually provide plenty of goalmouth action so expect an entertaining and open game.



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| | P | W | D | L | F | A | GD | Pts |
|---------------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|-----|-----|
| Waitakere United | 4 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 13 | 4 | 9 | 9 |
| Auckland City | 4 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 11 | 6 | 5 | 9 |
| YoungHeart Manawatu | 4 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 8 | 4 | 4 | 9 |
| Canterbury United | 4 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 7 | 4 | 3 | 9 |
| Otago United | 4 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 6 | 6 | 0 | 6 |
| Team Wellington | 4 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 8 | 9 | -1 | 3 |
| Waikato FC | 4 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 15 | -11 | 3 |
| Hawkes Bay United | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 10 | -9 | 0 |





Neil Sykes



AUCKLAND CITY FC

- 1 Ross Nicholson
- 2 Nick Hyde
- 3 Ricky Broderson
- 4 Paul Seaman
- 5 Jonathan Perry
- 6 Liam Mulrooney
- 7 James Pritchett
- 8 Jonathan Smith
- 9 Paul Urlovic
- 10 Grant Young
- 11 Neil Sykes
- 12 Richard Gillespie
- 14 Keryn Jordan
- 15 Luiz Del Monte
- 16 Sam Wilkinson
- 17 Paul Vodanovitch
- 18 Matt Cunneen
- 19 Reg Davani
- 20 Greg Uhlmann
- 21 Riki van Steeden
- 22 Joel Mathews
- 23 Chad Coombes
- 24 Jacob Spoonley
- 25 Michael Bell

Coach - Allan Jones
 Asst Coach - Craig Alexander
 Physio - Katherine Ludbrook
 Doctor - Craig Panther
 Kit Manager - Arthur Egan



HAWKES BAY UNITED

- 1 Jonathan Gould
- 2 Jamie Farrington
- 3 Richard Coomber
- 4 Wayne Atkins
- 5 Ben Murphy
- 6 Nick Lucas
- 7 Sam Jenkins
- 8 Dion Adams
- 9 Chris Greatholder
- 10 Lee Mudd
- 11 Jason Hayne
- 12 Leon Birnie
- 13 Peter Howe
- 16 Graham Fyfe
- 17 David Gearey
- 18 Warren Gilbertson
- 19 Perry Cotton
- 20 Willie Stanger
- 21 Andrew Huxford
- 23 Dean Johnston
- 24 Mitchell O'Brien
- 25 Scott Dunn

Head Coach - Perry Cotton
 Asst Coach - Warren Gilbertson
 Asst Coach - Jonathon Gould
 Team Manager - Karl Bauerfeind
 Doctor - Ian Taylor
 Physiotherapist - Kelly Stenbridge

REFEREE: Kevin Stoltenkamp

ASSISTANT REFEREES: Stephen Budai | Nick Waldron

FOURTH OFFICIAL: Stephen Fletcher

INSPECTOR: Les Coffman



Today's Auckland City FC Squad Member for a Day is:

Lyndon Frost | Papatoetoe United | 13th Grade Gold

To be in the draw to join the team for a day enter on Page 11

PROFILE

REGINALD DAVANI



DOB: 05/02/1980
Place of birth: Port Moresby, PNG
Position: Striker
Squad Number: 19
Previous Clubs: Queensland Lions, Taringa Rovers (AUS), Uni FC (PNG)
Rep Honours: PNG Current International, Under 20s, Under23s
NZFC Appearances: 7
Height: 180cm
Weight: 78kg
Favourite Club: AC Milan
Player I admire the most: Pele, Ronaldo, George Weah



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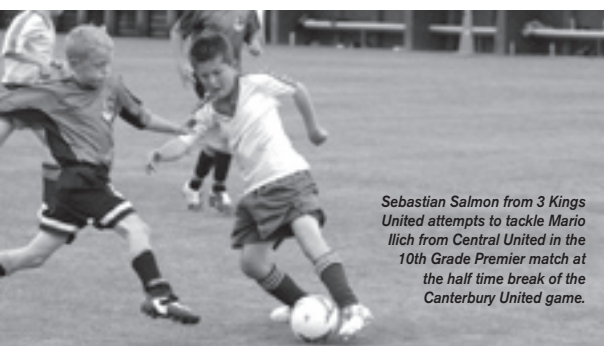
The ACFC academy kicked off on 31 October at Waikaraka Park. The Monday and Thursday Academy is running for seven weeks until Thursday 15 December. Already some steady progress has been observed and the player attitude is first class. Whilst the seniors were in Dunedin last Saturday securing 3 valuable away points, the A.C youth academy were at Kiwitea St and recorded a 2-1 win over their Waitakere United counterparts.

Goals were scored by John Baptiste and Matthew Wallace in what head coach Aaron McFarland

described as a pleasing first up performance.

The complete academy squad is:

Arran Rowley, Clayton Chappell, Hugo Littlejohn, Diego Rinquest, Byron Paulus, David Felton, Michael Boxall, Matthew Wallace, Diego Fourie, Van Lindsay, Chikira Morimoto, Jacob Martens, Alex Feneridis, Ian Hogg, David Carron, John Baptiste, Daniel Rowe, Kayne Vincent, Wesley Scullard, Nik Robson, Faïd Ibrahim, Jacob Mathews.



Sebastian Salmon from 3 Kings United attempts to tackle Mario Ilich from Central United in the 10th Grade Premier match at the half time break of the Canterbury United game.



Squad member for a day, Luka Posa from Central United 10th Grade Premiers, with Michael Bell (left) and Greg Uhlmann (right).



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FIXTURES - TODAY & UPCOMING



| Round 5 | Home Team | Away Team | |
|------------|----------------------|---------------------|--------|
| Sat 19 Nov | Auckland City | v Hawkes Bay United | 4.00pm |
| Sun 20 Nov | Young Heart Manawatu | v Waitakere United | 3.00pm |
| Sun 20 Nov | Team Wellington | v Canterbury United | 4.00pm |
| Sun 20 Nov | Waikato FC | v Otago United | 4.00pm |

| Round 6 | Home Team | Away Team | |
|------------|----------------------|--------------------|--------|
| Sat 26 Nov | Hawkes Bay United | v Otago United | 4.00pm |
| Sat 26 Nov | Auckland City | v Team Wellington | 4.00pm |
| Sun 27 Nov | Canterbury United | v Waitakere United | 3.00pm |
| Sun 27 Nov | Young Heart Manawatu | v Waikato FC | 3.00pm |

| Round 9 | Next Home Game | Away Team | |
|------------|----------------|---------------------|--------|
| Sun 18 Dec | Auckland City | v Canterbury United | 4.00pm |



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Name:

Age:

Club Team:

Phone No.:



2005/2006 Season Draw & Results

| RND. | DATE | VS (Bold is Home Game) | TIME | SCORE | SCORERS - (P) PENALTY |
|------|--------------|----------------------------|--------|-------|-------------------------------------|
| 1 | Sat 22/10/05 | Waikato FC | 4.00pm | 4-0 | J Smith (2), L Mulrooney (2) |
| 2 | Sun 30/10/05 | YoungHeart Manawatu | 3.00pm | 1-2 | K Jordan, J Smith |
| 3 | Sat 05/11/05 | Canterbury United | 4.00pm | 2-3 | G Young, Own goal |
| 4 | Sat 12/11/05 | Otago United | 5.30pm | 3-2 | K Jordan, P Seaman, G Young |
| 5 | Sat 19/11/05 | Hawkes Bay United | 4.00pm | | |
| 6 | Sat 26/11/05 | Team Wellington | 4.00pm | | |
| 7 | Sun 04/12/05 | Waitakere United | 3.00pm | | |
| 8 | Sun 11/12/05 | Waikato FC | 4.00pm | | |
| 9 | Sun 18/12/05 | Canterbury United | 4.00pm | | |
| 10 | Sun 08/01/06 | Team Wellington | 4.00pm | | |
| 11 | Sat 14/01/06 | Otago United | 4.00pm | | |
| 12 | Sat 21/01/06 | YoungHeart Manawatu | 4.00pm | | |
| 13 | Sat 28/01/06 | Hawkes Bay United | 4.00pm | | |
| 14 | Sun 05/02/06 | Waikato FC | 4.00pm | | |
| 15 | Sun 12/02/06 | Waitakere United | 4.00pm | | |
| 16 | Sun 19/02/06 | Canterbury United | 3.00pm | | |
| 17 | Sat 25/02/06 | Otago United | 4.00pm | | |
| 18 | Sun 05/03/06 | Team Wellington | 4.00pm | | |
| 19 | Sat 11/03/06 | Hawkes Bay United | 4.00pm | | |
| 20 | Sat 18/03/06 | YoungHeart Manawatu | 4.00pm | | |
| 21 | Sun 26/03/06 | Waitakere United | 3.00pm | | |

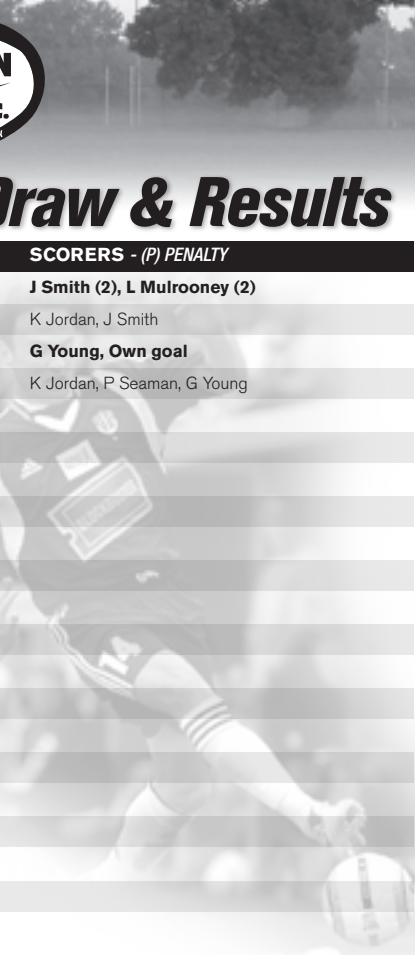


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