



NSL POSTPONES ROUND 1 MATCHES IN PORT MORESBY

The Board of the Telikom National Soccer League competition had decided on the eve of the competition launch to defer the round 1 match in Port Moresby due to technical reasons beyond the control of the NSL. Competition Manager Simon Koima, commented that the management of the IPA Facilities advised the NSL at 3pm on Friday afternoon. “We were advised at such short notice, and without any other option for an alternate venue, the matches had to be canceled. This means the round 1 matches in Port Moresby will be considered as washout games to be played at a later date during the season”

Xavier Victor, Head of Commercial for Telikom stated that although it was disappointing, the situation was unavoidable; which could not allow matches to go ahead in Port Moresby and it would be a matter for the Board of the NSL to resolve urgently for round 2 to proceed undisturbed.

NSL LEADER BOARD AFTER ROUND 1

Team / Position	Played	Won	Loss	Draw	Bye	Forfeit	For	Against	Diff	Points
Lae City Dwellers FC	1			1			1	1	0	1
Port Moresby FC	1			1			1	1	0	1
Hekari United FC	0									0
Oro FC	0									0
Besta FC	0									0
Admiralty FC	0									0
Madang Fox FC	0									0

LAE TURNS UP FOR NSL 2015 KICKOFF

Despite the heavy rainfall on Saturday morning in Lae, this did little to dampen the spirits of soccer enthusiasts to turn up at the Sir Ignatius Kilage stadium and witness the official kick off of the Telikom National Soccer League. Telikom Marketing Manager, Bibian Barreng stated that it was a good turnout of Lae residents to watch the anticipated NSL kickoff and commended the crowd for being patient with the weather particularly their conduct. Barreng commented “it was a good day of football; with both teams comfortable with the equalizer and as sponsor we are pleased with the efforts of everyone today”

LAE CITY DWELLERS SET PACE

FC Port Moresby forced a draw with Lae City Dwellers FC in the official kickoff match in Lae, but it was the ferocity at the start of the game by the home side that rattled the fancied Port Moresby FC with a quick goal at the 2 minute mark from kick off. POM FC responded with a goal in the 4th minute, LCD FC followed suit with a goal at the 6th minute setting the pace of the match for the first half. In the second half the Lae boys held the visitors for the majority of the match before FC Port Moresby equalized in the 63rd minute resulting in a 2 all score line at full time. A man of the match performance by FC Port Moresby goal keeper Charles Lepani saved 6 possible goals preventing a walk over by the Lae boys.

Match Highlights

2 min : Dabinyaba – LCD FC 1 – FC POM 0

4 min : Marampau – LCD FC 1 – FC POM 1

6 min: Gunemba – LCD FC 2 – FC POM 1

63 min : Hans - LCD FC 2 – FC POM 2

Man of the Match – FC POM Goal Keeper, Charles Lepani

TNSL Round 2 Fixtures (Saturday, 31 Jan 2015)

Telikom National Soccer League	Venue	Kick off time
Admiralty FC V Hekari United FC	Port Moresby	3pm
Besta FC V Oro FC	Lae	3pm
Madang FC v Lae City Dwellers FC	Madang	3pm
FC Port Moresby	BYE	

NSL STARLIGHTS

ADMIRALTY FC

Admiralty FC are looking forward to what they hope will be a successful season, by maintaining most of the squad from last season they're looking to build on the progress made last season.

The playing roster has been boosted by several key signings in the Peka brothers, seasoned campaigner Eluid Fugre, lanky defender Agi Moses and youngster Phillip Steven from Lae. Other notable signings are Rodney Mobiha who has just broken into the national side after a string of good performances last season and Junior Sasu both joined from Eastern Stars FC. Under the guidance of Kisakiu Posman AFC look to be the dark horses of the competition as they have a good mix of youth and experience.

FOOTBAL CLUB PORT MORESBY

Competition runners up in the 2013/14 NSL season FC Port Moresby make a return this year and are out looking to go one better than they did last time out.

Maintaining most of their squad from their inaugural season they have also made a number of notable signings in youngsters Basil Jofari and Gwama Taukuro, but have lost the services of three key figures of their inaugural season in Michael Foster, John Bai (Admiralty FC) and striker Alwin Komolong (Madang FC).

But they should have more than enough experience with the likes of Cyril Muta, Reginald Davani, David Taro and Roland Bala to lead from the front.

Under the watchful eye of Robert Popat, fans and opposition teams alike can be certain to expect a good match whenever FC Port Moresby are on the pitch.

MADANG FC

The long wait is finally over for all supporters of the Madang Franchise as NSL football is finally set to return Madang and after their long absence the team is looking to make their presence felt.

They have acquired the services of the ever reliable Max Sengum and pacey winger Vanya Malagian and two overseas based players in the Komolong brothers Alwin (USA) and Felix (New Zealand), other notable inclusions in the team are the former Besta FC pair of Darren Steven and Nigel Malagian.

With former PNG striker Francis Moyap at the helm supporters can be assured that Madang FC will be a team to keep a close eye on this season.

HEKARI UNITED FC

Reigning champions Hekari United FC have been the benchmark since the inception of the NSL and are obvious favourites going into this season.

The return of "Mr cool" Alick Maemae will surely strengthen the squad along with other new signings Emmanuel Simon, Jamal Seeto, Tommy Semmy and Emmanuel Airem to join club veterans in captain David Muta and club veteran Koriak Upaiga who will be leading their charge for a 10th consecutive NSL crown.

Two notable losses to the squad are speedsters Nigel Dabinyaba and Raymond Gunemba who have both joined Lae city Dwellers FC.

Under long-time coach Jerry Allen supporters will be surely expecting Hekari to show their usual classy efficient style of play come the start of the season.

BESTA UNITED FC

The development program is set to begin again with a new batch of young players with most players from previous year's joining other franchises so supporters can expect many new faces in this year's squad.

Although a playing roster filled with relatively unknown players supporters can expect their usual fast flamboyant style of play as Besta start their development process again with several experienced campaigners in John Ray and Joshua Talau Besta are set to pose a challenge to any team.

ORO FC

A top 4 finish last season showed the quality of team pretty much made up of unknown players and the side will be looking to build on the progress made last season.

Maintaining most of the squad from last season with the inclusion of midfielders Ian Yanum (Hekari) and Jacob Sabua (Morobe United) the club will be looking to do most of the same this season.

With the likes of striker Gari Moka and defender Misiwright Cambell leading the charge and coach Joe Turia at the helm supporters can expect the same spirit and fight that took their team to a top four finish last time out.

LAE CITY DWELLERS FC

The newest franchise in this year's NSL the boys from Lae will be looking to go as far as they can this season with two big signings in former Hekari pair Raymond Gunemba and Nigel Dabinyaba who will be leading their team from the front.

With the lethal striking partnership of Gunemba and Dabinyaba opposition defences will be weary whenever they come up against the boys from Lae.