



**OFC Women's Championship  
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Papua New Guinea**

**Event Report and Statistics**

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## FOREWORD



Women's football has faced a many challenges in its quest to increase numbers of participants as cultural, religious and ingrained attitudes prevent many talented female footballers from discovering the holistic benefits of our wonderful game.

Another challenge has been for women's football to gain serious media attention. In many ways Papua New Guinea 2007 helped address all of these issues with the six match qualification tournament for FIFA Women's World Cup - China 2007 attracting thousands of spectators across its three match days including a wonderful crowd of 7,000 for the deciding match between host nation Papua New Guinea and eventual champions New Zealand.

It was heartening to see Fair Play in evidence in all matches something men's football could learn something from. The numbers of players that received yellow cards was pleasingly low and the ambience between all participants was competitive and determined yet not without a sense of humanity and fairness.

The benefits for Papua New Guinea women's football cannot be understated. In a country where domestic violence against women is endemic, it was positive to see so many Papua New Guinea fans -

men, women and children - embrace the efforts of their team as it achieved its highest ever placing in an OFC Women's Championship. The efforts of the host nation on the pitch had an immediate effect on lifting the profile of women's football and women in general as heroes and role models for everybody regardless of their gender.

I congratulate Papua New Guinea Football Association (PNGFA), Papua New Guinea Government and its associated executive powers and the Local Organising Committee (LOC) for all its hard work in ensuring stadium security, accommodation, media coverage and match days were all run to maximum efficiency. Papua New Guinea proved beyond doubt that despite anecdotal story and rumour it is more than capable of hosting and running an OFC event in a professional manner.

Furthermore, I extend my congratulations to New Zealand for qualifying for the FIFA Women's World Cup - China 2007. The New Zealand team were embraced by local fans and its off-field relationship with locals was exemplary. Winning football matches is important but to win with some style, humility and charisma is not always the feature of victorious teams. New Zealand's "Football Ferns" achieved both and in doing so helped promote women's football not only for its own fans and followers but in a country that has yet to fully embrace the concept of women participating in top level sport.

We will see New Zealand Football (NZF) host the inaugural FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup, the OFC U-20 Women's Championship is scheduled for April with the possibility of an inaugural OFC U-15 Women's Championship mooted for October.

Let us capture the spirit of this year's tournament to ensure that 2008 is another year of further growth for women's football throughout OFC and the world.

Yours in football

Reynald Temarii  
OFC president  
FIFA Vice-President



## GENERAL ORGANISATION/STADIUM SECURITY



The organisation of the OFC Women's World Cup Qualifying - Papua New Guinea 2007 was the responsibility of the PNGFA, its Local Organising Committee (LOC), with assistance from various arms of the Papua New Guinea Government including the army and police.

Pre-tournament apprehension generated largely by fear of the unknown were quickly allayed as the LOC delivered a watertight security programme with the help of the Papua New Guinea Army and Police.

Stadium Security at the Sir Ignatius Kilage Stadium in Lae began with the scheduling of matches for late morning and early afternoon to allow for squads, referees, fans and the marshalling of match day events to take place during daylight hours.

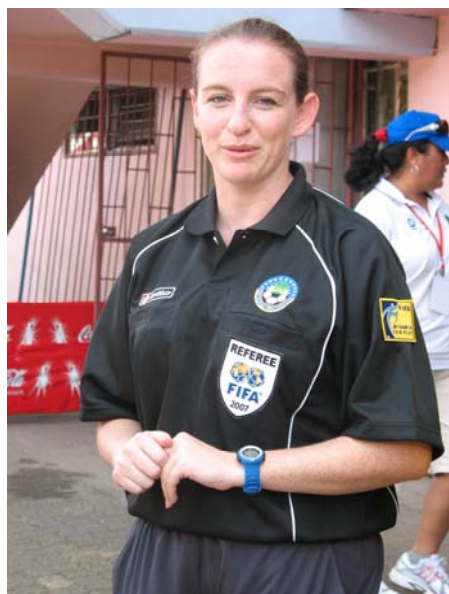
The competing teams were based in hotels close to the stadium with training venues located at the University grounds where security was in evidence as crowds of curious spectators gathered to watch sessions.

The quality of training facilities was adequate at best but participating teams and the LOC Special thanks must go to the Team Liaison Officers organised by the LOC and their tireless efforts in working with participating teams to ensure they enjoyed their stay in Lae.

Papua New Guinea's suitability as a host nation for future OFC tournaments was confirmed with feedback from participating nations largely positive.



## MATCH OFFICIALS



Match Officials for the OFC Women's World Cup Qualifiers Papua New Guinea 2007 drew representatives from across Oceania Football Confederation (OFC) with Football Federation Australia (FFA) referee Amelia Morris arriving in Lae to join New Zealand Assistant Referee Jacqueline Stephenson as the tournament's two female officials.

"We want more females involved in refereeing matches in OFC and the appointment of Amelia Morris and Jacqueline Stephenson reflects that aim. Developing female referees is a worthy aim and it is important that they are seen to be officiating at our tournaments. This was part of our thoughts in bringing in a female Australian referee to officiate in Lae," OFC President Reynald Temarii.

The tournament itself proved relatively incident-free from the perspective of on-pitch discipline from players with only four yellow cards issued and no expulsions. This set a good ambience throughout the event at Sir Iginatius Kilage Stadium.

The hot weather conditions in Lae meant that match officials and players suffered from the effects of dehydration and heat stroke and this came into focus during New Zealand's match with Solomon Islands.



The officials handling the New Zealand vs. Solomon Islands match were called into action when Emily McColl (NZL) collapsed in the 76th minute suffering from heat stroke. Referee Salaiau Sosongan called for emergency services supplied by representatives of the Papua New Guinea army and play was halted for four minutes as McColl received medical treatment under the main stand.

### MATCH OFFICIALS

#### Referees

Amelia Morris	(AUS)
Joachim Salaiau Sosongan	(PNG)
Job Ponis Minan	(PNG)
Lencie Fred	(VAN)

#### Assistant Referees

Rihitesh Dayal	(FIJ)
Jacqueline Stephenson	(NZL)
Hilary Ani	(PNG)
Hamilton Siau	(SOL)
Jackson Namo	(SOL)

## MEDIA AND MARKETING



The tournament received excellent support from Papua New Guinea's local media, with dedicated coverage pre-tournament on television (EMTV), print, and radio. Most coverage was given to the host nation Papua New Guinea and tournament favourites New Zealand. Matches involving Solomon Islands and Tonga drew good levels of interest with crowds of between 1000-2000 spectators at matches.

OFC Media and Communications serviced local media with pre-match press conferences at team hotels on rest days with post-match media conferences following the final whistle. Local media utilised these opportunities to full effect with various players developing "profiles" with media and local spectators alike including charismatic Tonga goalkeeper Mele Likiliki, New Zealand captain Rebecca Smith and Solomon Islands captain Diane Justus.

Print and radio journalists unused to an orchestrated media protocol at first made full use of the opportunity to interview coaches and star players with the Stadium Media Centre a hive of activity throughout the tournament.

Filmmaker Vanessa Smith shot footage for a documentary about the "Football Ferns" and their "Road to China" and was to follow the New Zealand team - and her sister, Rebecca Smith - to the FIFA Women's World Cup - China 2007.





## MEDIA AND MARKETING



EMTV covered Match 6 between New Zealand and Papua New Guinea with two cameras covering the match at Sir Ignatius Kilage Stadium with highlights shown on the news bulletin and during a sports show.

Internet coverage was difficult with the LOC able to provide a broadband connection on-site but only with limited connectivity that meant transmitting information in a timely fashion proved challenging.

The only reliable internet connection was a communal dial-up system at the hotel where the OFC delegation was staying. The amount of information generated by interviews, colour stories, match reports and media releases/advisories placed the system under considerable pressure.

Print coverage in The National and Post-Courier newspapers was extensive and perhaps reflected the successful non-match day and match day media opportunities generated by all participating nations and facilitated by OFC and PNGFA Media and Communications staff.

OFC shot footage of the tournament through the Technical Study Group (TSG) led by OFC Technical Director Jim Selby and with television company PVM shooting footage of the Match Day 3 clash between Papua New Guinea and New Zealand.

As with the general organisation, care needs to be paid attention to media accreditation to control access to team officials and players, this would assist in “managing” media. The LOC did an exemplary job in media relations but more work is needed to identify and control photographers before, during, and after matches.





## STORY OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP

### Match Day 1

#### FAVOURITES WIN ON OPENING DAY OF WOMEN'S CHAMPS



New Zealand and Papua New Guinea were the big winners on the opening day of the Oceania Football Confederation (OFC) Women's World Cup Qualifiers after both registered 6-1 victories.

New Zealand worked hard for its predictable opening victory over Tonga in energy-sapping conditions at the Sir Ignatius Kilage Stadium in Lae.

Three goals by Kirsty Yallop, Wendi Henderson and youngster Abby Erceg in the first 17 minutes put the result of the match beyond doubt.

The damage could have been much more but for outstanding goal-keeping from Tonga's Mele Likiliki. Brave resistance by Likiliki was not enough to bridge the gap in quality between the two teams and further goals were added for John Herdman's side when Yallop (73rd), Henderson (56th) and Zoe Thompson (81st) gave the Football Ferns a comfortable 6-0 lead.

Tonga were given something to celebrate when 15 year old substitute Vasi Feke nipped in between Rebecca Smith and Maia Jackman to score past Stephanie Puckrin after 85 minutes.

Papua New Guinea striker Deslyn Siniu scored a hat-trick, Jacqueline Chalau a brace and an own goal provided the host nation a share of top spot after it defeated Solomon Islands 6-1.

Chalau's 8th minute goal set Marcos Gusmao's team up for victory but Papua New Guinea had to wait a further 32 minutes before scoring again.

Four goals in ten minutes to Siniu (40th, 50th), an own goal (45th) and Chalau (48th) sealed Solomon Islands fate with Siniu completing her hat-trick after 66 minutes.

Prudence Fula scored a sensational goal from long range for Solomon Islands on 44 minutes providing some consolation for the Noel Wagapu coached debutants.



#### Match Day 1 results

New Zealand 6 (Kirsty Yallop 8, 73, Wendi Henderson 13, 56, Abby Erceg 17, Zoe Thompson 81) Tonga 1 (Vasi Feke 85)

Papua New Guinea 6 (Jacqueline Chalau 8, 48, Deslyn Siniu 40, 50, 66, Own goal 45) Solomon Islands 1 (Prudence Fula 44)

## STORY OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP

### Match Day 2

#### FOOTBALL FERNS SEND MESSAGE TO WORLD CUP RIVALS



New Zealand set up a do-or-die showdown with host nation Papua New Guinea after a commanding 8-0 win over Solomon Islands. John Herdman's team turned in a clinical performance against a naïve Solomon Islands team that was simply unable to prevent New Zealand's fitter, faster players from running amok.

Simone Ferrara scored two impressive goals in the opening 22 minutes to set New Zealand on its way with Nicola Smith (32nd, 45th) and Ria Percival (38th) rounding off a devastating first half for the favourites.

Solomon Islands Laydah Samani, Diane Justus and Prudence Fula were the best for the Noel Wagapu coached team but

their efforts could not close the obvious gulf in ability and experience between the two teams.

New Zealand captain Rebecca Smith opened the scoring in the second half with a goal on 52 minutes and namesake Nicola Smith completed her hat-trick ten minutes later to make it 7-0. Substitute Emma Kete completed a satisfying afternoon's work with New Zealand's eighth goal on the final whistle.

Host nation Papua New Guinea scraped past Tonga - but it required a 63rd minute own goal by Muu Niukapu. Tonga frustrated Papua New Guinea for long periods of the match defending deeply and relying on another impressive goalkeeping display by Mele Likiliki.

Papua New Guinea's Daisy Winas was the outstanding player for the Gusmao-coached team but a raft of missed chances in front of goal by Siniu, Chalau, Agunam and Midi left fans of the home side wondering if it was meant to be Papua New Guinea's day.

The goal finally arrived when a Siniu shot ricocheted off the Tonga upright past the stranded Likiliki before hitting the unfortunate Niukapu and trundling into an empty net.



#### Match Day 2 results

Solomon Islands 0 New Zealand 8 (Simone Ferrara 4, 22, Nicola Smith 32, 45+2, 62, Ria Percival 38, Rebecca Smith 62, Emma Kete 90+1)

Tonga 0 Papua New Guinea 1 (Own goal 63)

## STORY OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP

### Match Day 3

#### NEW ZEALAND FOOTBALL FERNS CHINA-BOUND

New Zealand secured their place at the FIFA Women's World Cup - China 2007 for the first time since 1991 after beating Papua New Guinea 7-0 in front of 7,000 fans to capture the OFC Women's Championship.

But the Football Ferns endured a frustrating opening 20 minutes as it squandered a spate of gilt-edged scoring chances and a plucky Papua New Guinea central defensive trio defending high up the pitch in a manner almost tailor-made to suit Ria Percival and Ali Riley's attacking wing-back roles.



That tension was definitively broken when Nicola Smith scored New Zealand's opener (20th). Papua New Guinea had no response as the flood-gates opened with the next ten minutes yielding further goals to Zoe Thompson (23rd), Ria Percival (26th) and Kirsty Yallop (30th).

The host nation were run ragged in the second-half with Anna Green (63rd), Yallop (65th) and Hayley Moorwood (85th) heaping on further agony as New Zealand's dominance of women's football in the OFC region was emphasised by the 7-0 score line.

New Zealand qualified for China with a goal count of 21-1 in just three matches making it the Football Ferns second ever appearance at a FIFA Women's World Cup following on from the inaugural event in 1991.

In the other match Tonga and Solomon Islands played out a distinctly flat spectacle with both team unable to create clear cut chances in front of goal. Tonga's Penateti Feke had the best chance to score for Tonga just before half-time but her effort from close range hit the post. Solomon Islands Laydah Samani's technical skill and ability proved one of the bright points in an otherwise low key end to the tournament for both teams.

#### Match Day 3 results

Tonga 0 Solomon Islands 0

Papua New Guinea 0 New Zealand 7 (Nicola Smith 20, Zoe Thompson 23, Ria Percival 26, Kirsty Yallop 30, 65, Anna Green 63, Hayley Moorwood 85)

**STATISTICS AND TEAM DATA**

**CAUTIONS AND EXPULSIONS**

<b>Team</b>	<b>Yellow Cards</b>	<b>Red Cards (Indirect)</b>	<b>Red Cards (Direct)</b>
New Zealand	2	0	0
Tonga	0	0	0
Papua New Guinea	2	0	0
Solomon Islands	0	0	0

**AVERAGE AGE**

<b>Team</b>	<b>Average Age Years (Months)</b>
Solomon Islands	22 years (6 months)
Tonga	22 Years (10 months)
New Zealand	23 Years (3 months)
Papua New Guinea	24 Years (11 months)

**YOUNGEST PLAYERS**

<b>Country</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Age</b>
SOL	17	Layda SAMANI	15 yr 2 months
TON	12	Vasi FEKE	15 yr 6 months
NZL	14	Annalie LONGO	15 yr 9 months
NZL	8	Anna GREEN	16 yr 4 months
PNG	8	Ara MIDI	17 yr 5 months



**STATISTICS AND TEAM DATA**

**GOALS SCORED BY SUBSTITUTES**

Country	No	Name	Game	Date	Minute on	Minute Scored	Score (Result)
NZL	18	Zoe THOMPSON	NZL v TON	09/04/07	59'	81'	6-1(6-1)
NZL	19	Emma KETE	NZL v SOL	11/04/07	46'	90'	8-0 (8-0)
NZL	8	Anna GREEN	NZL v PNG	13/04/07	52'	63'	5-0 (7-0)
NZL	12	Hayley MOORWOOD	NZL v PNG	13/04/07	45'	85'	7-0 (7-0)

**HAT TRICKS**

Country	No	Name	Game	Date	Goals scored	Score
NZL	17	Nicola SMITH	NZL v SOL	11/04/07	3	8-0
PNG	12	Deslyn SINIU	PNG v SOL	09/04/07	3	6-1

**GOAL SCORING ANALYSIS (OVERALL)**

(The goal may have come from a combination of actions including counter attacks and build up play)	
Wing play	9
Solo effort	
Exceptional finish	2
Combination play	1
Defence splitting pass	6
Diagonal ball in penalty area	2
Defensive error	4
<b>Total (From Open Play)</b>	<b>24</b>

## STATISTICS AND TEAM DATA

### GOAL SCORING ANALYSIS (OVERALL)

When the goals were scored	
1 <sup>st</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> minute	4
16 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup> minute	6
31 <sup>st</sup> – 45 <sup>th</sup> minute	6
46 <sup>th</sup> – 60 <sup>th</sup> minute	4
61 <sup>st</sup> – 75 <sup>th</sup> minute	6
76 <sup>th</sup> – 90 <sup>th</sup> minute	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>30</b>

When the goals were scored	
1 <sup>st</sup> half after 45 minutes	1
2 <sup>nd</sup> half after 90 minutes	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>

From Set Piece	
From a penalty	
After a free kick	2
From a corner kick	1
After a corner	3
After a throw in	
After a penalty	
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>

Who Scored the Goals	
Strikers	14
Midfield	10
Defenders	4
Own goal	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>30</b>

Where the goals were scored	
Inside goal area	13
Inside penalty area	9
Outside penalty area	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>30</b>

How the goals were scored	
Shot	22
Penalty	0
Header	6
Own goal	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>30</b>

**STATISTICS AND TEAM DATA****GOAL SCORERS**

<b>Country</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Goals</b>
NZL	10	Kirsty YALLOP	4
NZL	17	Nicola SMITH	4
PNG	12	Deslyn SINIU	3
NZL	9	Simone FERRERA	2
NZL	16	Wendi HENDERSON	2
NZL	18	Zoe THOMPSON	2
PNG	8	Jacqueline CHALAU	2
NZL	7	Ria PERCIVAL	2
NZL	3	Abby ERCEG	1
SOL	14	Prudence FULA	1
TON	12	Vasi FEKE	1
NZL	2	Rebecca SMITH	1
NZL	8	Anna GREEN	1
NZL	12	Hayley MOORWOOD	1
NZL	19	Emma KETE	1
		2 own goals	2
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>30</b>

## STATISTICS AND TEAM DATA - NEW ZEALAND

### New Zealand

**Final Ranking** (1<sup>st</sup>)

### Results

v Tonga 6 - 1  
 v Solomon Islands 8 - 0  
 v Papua New Guinea 7 - 0



### Goal Scorers

2.	Rebecca Smith	1	3.	Abby Erceg	1
7.	Ria Percival	2	8.	Anna Green	1
9.	Simone Ferrara	2	10.	Kirsty Yallop	4
12.	Hayley Moorwood	1	16.	Wendi Henderson	2
17.	Nicola Smith	4	18.	Zoe Thompson	2
19	Emma Kete	1			

No	Name	TON 6 - 1	SOL 8 - 0	PNG 7 - 0	TOTAL
1	Stephanie Pukrin	90	Res	Res	90
2	Rebecca Smith	34>	90	90	214
3	Abby Erceg	90	90	90	270
4	Maia Jackman	90	90	90	270
5	Hannah Bromley	>56	Res	Res	56
6	Alexandra Riley	90	90	52>	232
7	Ria Percival	90	90	90	270
8	Anna Green	Res	Res	>38	38
9	Simone Ferrara	Res	57>	45>	102
10	Kirsty Yallop	90	Res	90	180
11	Marlies Oostdam	90	45>	52>	187
12	Hayley Moorwood	58>	Res	>45	103
13	Katie Hoyle	Res	>45	>38	83
14	Annalie Longo	>32	90	Res	122
15	Emily McColl	Res	>33	Res	33
16	Wendi Henderson	59>	45>	Res	104
17	Nicola Smith	90	90	90	270
18	Zoe Thompson	>31	Res	90	121
19	Emma Kete	Res	>45	Res	45
20	Jenny Bindon	Res	90	90	180
Coach	John Herdman				

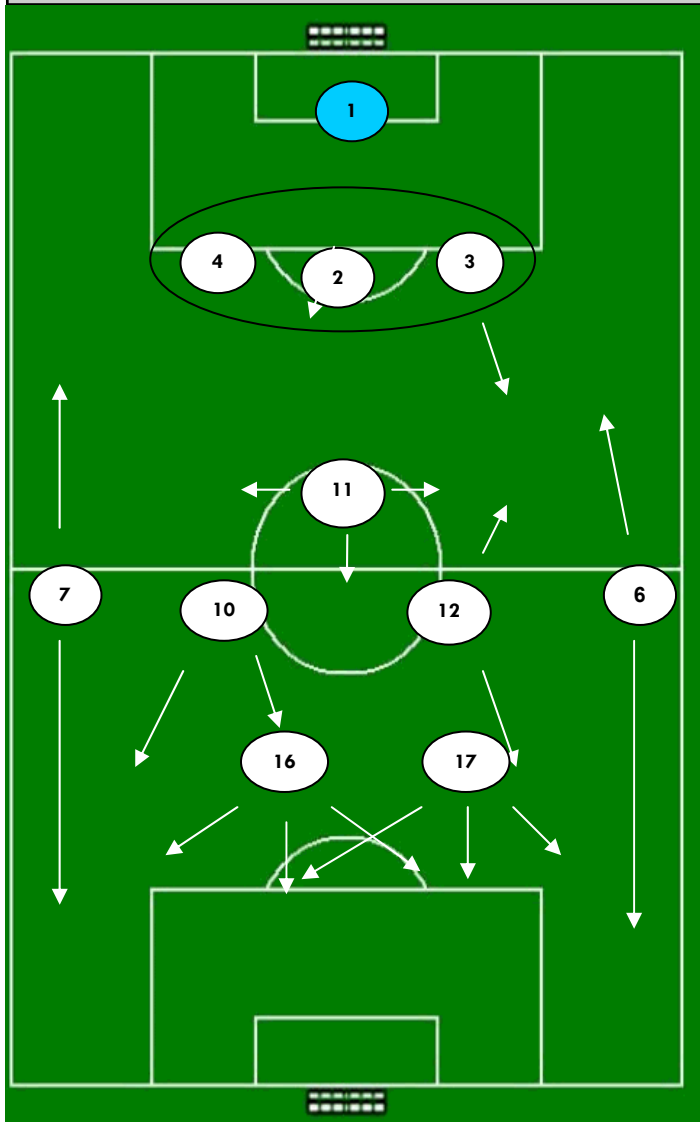
RES: Substitute; NEL: Not eligible to play; INJ: Injured; ABS: Absent; EXP: Expulsion

### Disciplinary Record

Yellow Cards (2)  
 Red Cards (indirect) (0)  
 Red Cards (direct) (0)



## STATISTICS AND TEAM DATA - NEW ZEALAND



### Formation

- Starting 3 : 1 : 4 : 2
- Attacking 3 : 1 : 3 : 3
- Defending 4 : 4 : 1 : 1

### Key Points:

- Strong players on the ball with athletic ability
- Effective & well organised defence with aerial dominance
- Mobile strikers & midfielder that get forward in attacking moves
- Effective wing play and dangerous crosses

### Outstanding Players:

- #11 Marlies Oostdam
- #6 Alexandra Riley
- #17 Nicola Smith
- #2 Rebecca Smith

### General Comments:

- Strong on the ball with fit players that support each other quickly and are effective throughout the match
- Good team tactical organisation and Attack down both wings with pace and midfield support
- Zonal & ball centred defending - apply quick pressure and structure attack & defence
- Attack down both wings with pace and mid field support
- Zonal & ball centred defending -apply quick pressure.

### The way the goals were scored

(The goal may have come from a combination of actions including counter attacks and build up play)

Wing play	8
Solo effort	0
Exceptional finish	0
Combination play	1
Defence splitting pass	3
Diagonal ball in penalty area	2
Defensive error	2
<b>Total (From Open Play)</b>	<b>16</b>

### Where the goals were scored

Inside goal area	12
Inside penalty area	4
Outside penalty area	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>21</b>

### How the goals were scored

Shot	16
Penalty	0
Header	5
Own goal	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>21</b>

### Who scored the goals

Strikers	9
Midfielders	8
Defenders	4
Own goal	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>21</b>

### From Set Piece

From a penalty	0
After a free kick	1
From a corner kick	1
After a free kick	3
After a throw in	0
After a penalty	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>

## STATISTICS AND TEAM DATA - PAPUA NEW GUINEA

### PAPUA NEW GUINEA

**Final Ranking** (2<sup>nd</sup>)

**Results**

vs. Solomon Islands 6 - 1  
 vs. Tonga 1 - 0  
 vs. New Zealand 0 - 6



**Goal Scorers**

8. Jacqueline Chalau 2  
 12. Deslyn Siniu 3  
 Own Goals 2

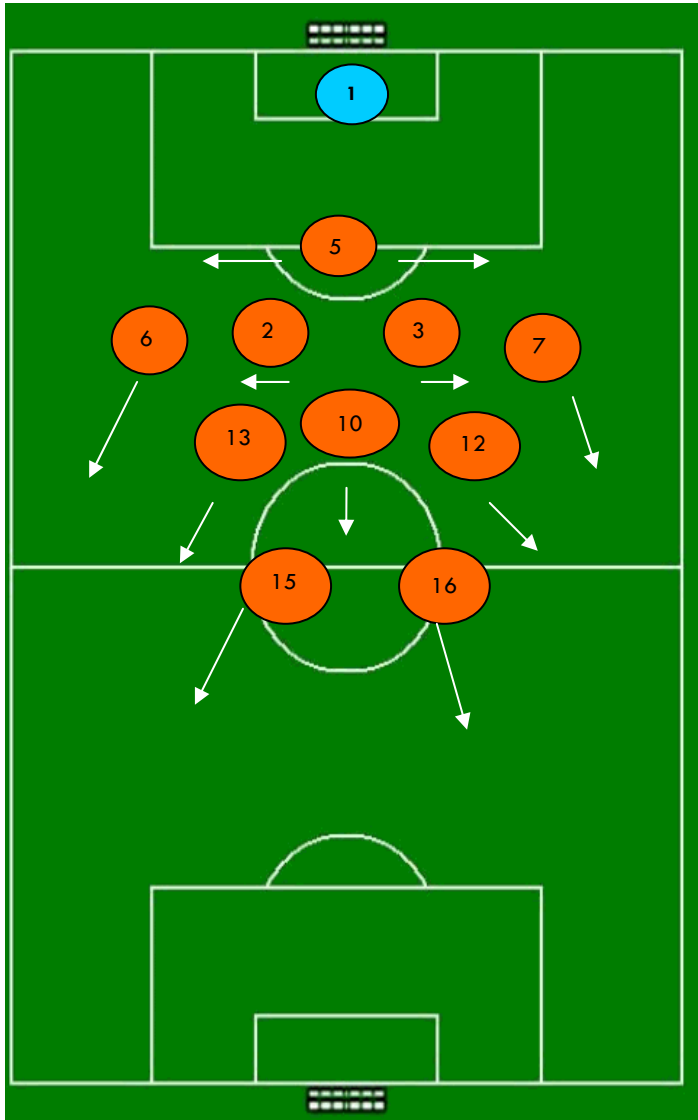
No	Name	SOL	TON	NZL	TOTAL
		<b>6 - 1</b>	<b>1 - 0</b>	<b>0 - 6</b>	
1	Roxanne Komeng	90	90	90	270
2	Kathryn Salaiiau	90	90	90	270
3	Cecilia Dobbin	Res	>45	90	135
4	Judith Michael	90	>45	90	225
5	Regina Sui	Res	>45	>45	90
6	Wafio Baki	>45	Res	Res	45
7	Julie Alau	>45	Res	>45	90
8	Jacqueline Chalau	63>	90	45>	198
9	Cathy Agunam	90	>54	90	234
10	Tracey Kig	45>	45>	45>	135
11	Daisy Winas	90	90	68>	248
12	Deslyn Siniu	90	90	90	270
13	Molong Kusunan	>27	Res	Res	27
14	Miriam Lanta	90	90	90	270
15	Paulyn Norman	Res	Res	Res	0
16	Smantha Peninsa	Res	Res	>22	22
17	Ara Midi	Res	36>	Res	36
18	Lydia Barnabas	45>	90	90	225
19	Antonia Surake	90	90	Res	180
20	Marion Linda Bunaga	Res	Res	Res	0
Coach	Marcos Gusmao				

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**Disciplinary Record**

Yellow Cards (2)  
 Red Cards (indirect) (0)  
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## STATISTICS AND TEAM DATA - PAPUA NEW GUINEA



### Formation

- Starting 3 : 1 : 4 : 2
- Attacking 3 : 4 : 3 / 2 : 4 : 4
- Defending 4 : 4 : 2 / 4 : 5 : 1

### Key Points:

- Very mobile players that move forward as a unit
- Quick inter-passing with counter attack from the midfield
- Defend high & pressure the ball
- Take on defenders in wide areas

### Outstanding Players:

- #12 Deslyn Siniu
- #8 Jacqueline Chalau
- #14 Miriam Lanta
- #2 Kathryn Salaiau

### General Comments:

- Short passing build-up in midfield & wide areas
- Interchange positions by midfield players to support strikers
- Man to man marking with sweeper- pressure on the ball
- Good work ethics by & team spirit throughout the game.

### The way the goals were scored

(The goal may have come from a combination of actions including counter attacks and build up play)

Wing play	2
Solo effort	0
Exceptional finish	1
Combination play	0
Defence splitting pass	2
Diagonal ball in penalty area	0
Defensive error	2
<b>Total (From Open Play)</b>	<b>7</b>

### Where the goals were scored

Inside goal area	1
Inside penalty area	3
Outside penalty area	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>

### How the goals were scored

Shot	4
Penalty	0
Header	1
Own goal	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>

### Who scored the goals

Strikers	3
Midfielders	2
Defenders	0
Own goal	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>

### From Set Piece

From a penalty	0
After a free kick	0
From a corner kick	1
After a free kick	0
After a throw in	0
After a penalty	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>

## STATISTICS AND TEAM DATA - SOLOMON ISLANDS

### SOLOMON ISLANDS

**Final Ranking** (4<sup>th</sup>)

**Results**

vs. Papua New Guinea  
vs New Zealand  
vs Tonga

1 – 6  
0 – 8  
0 – 0



**Goal Scorers**

14. Prudence Fula 1

No	Name	PNG	NZ	TON	TOTAL
		1- 6	0- 8	0- 0	
1	Regina Kosui	90	45>	Res	135
2	Elsie Ringi	90	90	90	270
3	Brenda Masae	90	90	90	270
4	Helen Sikwa'ae	>35	>53	Res	88
5	Audry Jack Galo	90	90	90	270
6	Margaret Daudau	55>	90	90	235
7	Ellen Raurau	Res	37>	Res	37
8	Betty Maenu'u	90	Res	90	180
9	Noelyn Wagapu	45>	>45	90	180
10	Rafe Alai Belo	>45	90	>45	180
11	Janet Alufurai	64>	Res	45>	109
12	Samantha Rose Maelaua	Res	45>	Res	45
13	Diane Justus	90	90	90	270
14	Prudence Fula	90	Res	60>	150
15	Annie Crystal	>26	90	>30	146
16	Mary Dongai	Res	90	Res	90
17	Layda Anitae Samani	90	Res	90	180
20	Glady Bako	Res	>45	90	135
Coach Noel Wagapu					

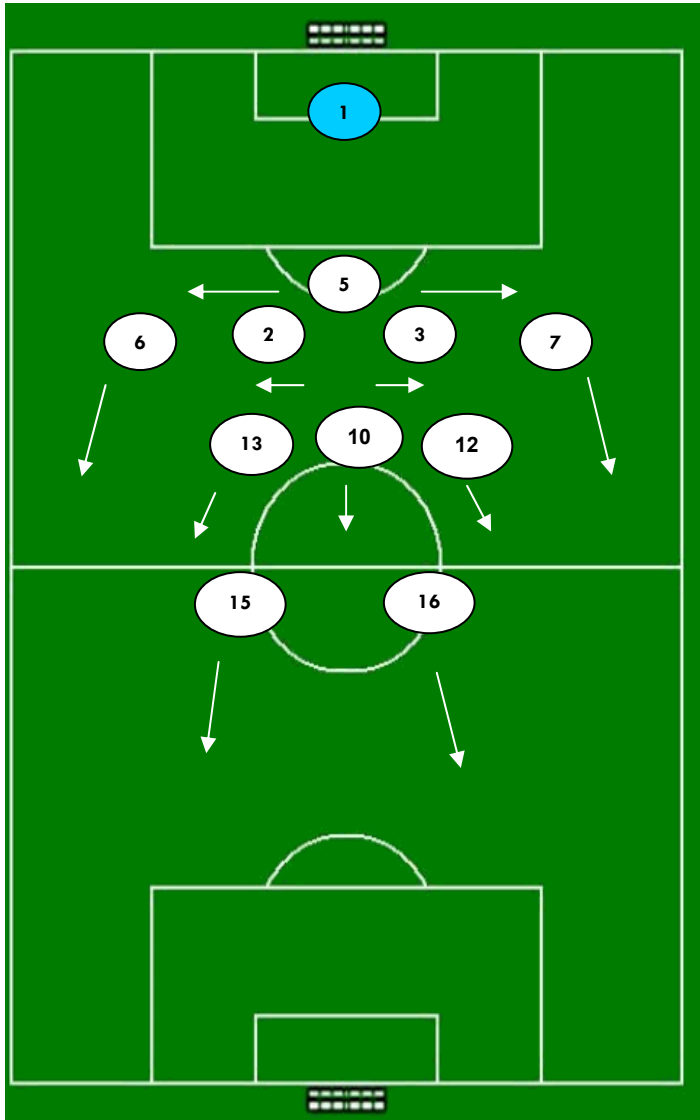
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**Disciplinary Record**

Yellow Cards (0)  
Red Cards (indirect) (0)  
Red Cards (direct) (0)



## STATISTICS AND TEAM DATA - SOLOMON ISLANDS



### Formation

- Starting 4 : 4 : 2 / 3 : 5 : 2 / 1 : 4 : 3 : 2
- Attacking 3 : 4 : 3 / 4 : 4 : 2
- Defending 4 : 4 : 2 / 5 : 3 : 2

### Key Points:

- Mobile and athletic players
- Individual skilful players
- Good team spirit

### Outstanding Players:

- # 8 Betty Maenu'u
- #17 Layda Samani

### General Comments:

- Determined players with a good attitude throughout the game
- Zonal defence with group block tactics around the PA
- Individual players show close ball skills and flair

### The way the goals were scored

(The goal may have come from a combination of actions including counter attacks and build up play)

Wing play	0
Solo effort	0
Exceptional finish	1
Combination play	0
Defence splitting pass	0
Diagonal ball in penalty area	0
Defensive error	0
<b>Total (From Open Play)</b>	<b>1</b>

### Where the goals were scored

Inside goal area	0
Inside penalty area	0
Outside penalty area	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>

### How the goals were scored

Shot	1
Penalty	0
Header	0
Own goal	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>

### Who scored the goals

Strikers	1
Midfielders	0
Defenders	0
Own goal	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>

### From Set Piece

From a penalty	0
After a free kick	0
From a corner kick	0
After a free kick	0
After a throw in	0
After a penalty	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>

## STATISTICS AND TEAM DATA - TONGA

### TONGA

**Final Ranking** (3<sup>rd</sup>)

**Results**

vs. New Zealand 1 - 6  
 vs. PNG 0 - 1  
 vs. Solomon Islands 0 - 0



**Goal Scorers**

12. Vasi Feke 1

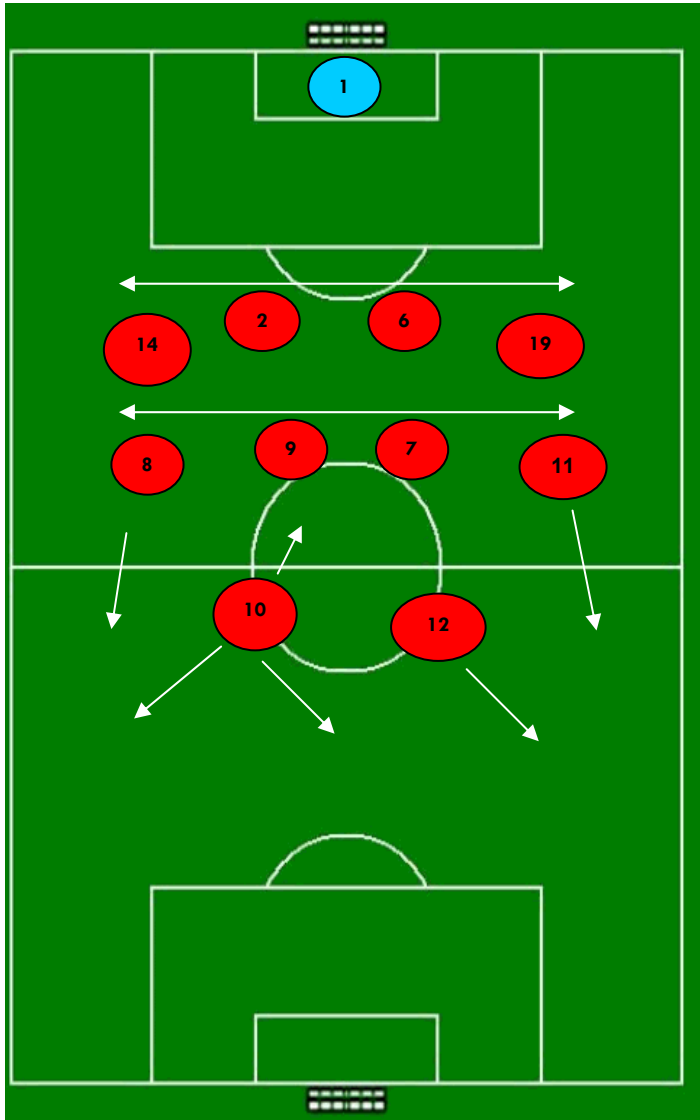
No	Name	NZ	PNG	SOL	TOTAL
		<b>6 - 1</b>	<b>0-1</b>	<b>5 - 0</b>	
1	Mele Teukialupe Likiliki	90	90	90	270
2	Emelita Moala	90	90	90	270
3	Nasaleti Fiefia Kalavi	45>	Res	Res	45
4	Kaati Tetokai Malua	>46>68	Res	Res	23
5	Karen Marie Utaatu	90	>1	Res	91
6	Kulia Filo	90	90	90	270
7	Atelaite Manu	90	90	90	270
8	Salome Sela Vaenuku	90	90	90	270
9	Neomai Loto Tonunga Tupou ©	90	90	90	270
10	Penateti Lapiuingi Feke	29>	90	90	209
11	Matelita Lotomoua Ki Misinale	90	89>	INJ	179
12	Vasi Feke	>61	90	76>	227
13	Heilala Loto'aniu	Res	Res	>14	14
14	Sala Veamatahau	90	>1	90	181
15	Lupe Taufahema	Res	Res	45>	45
16	Lataisia Tuifutuna	Res	89>	45>	134
17	Lose Pongilau Pele	Res	Res	INJ	0
18	Seini Malungahu	Res	Res	Res	0
19	Mele Vaisioa Mahe Niukapu	>22	90	90	202
20	Pesi Talamonu Napa'a	Res	Res	Res	0
Coach	Kilifi Solia Ulele				

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**Disciplinary Record**

Yellow Cards (0)  
 Red Cards (indirect) (0)  
 Red Cards (direct) (0)

## STATISTICS AND TEAM DATA - TONGA



### Formation

- Starting 4 : 4 : 2
- Attacking 4 : 3 : 3 / 4 : 1 : 3 : 3
- Defending 4 : 4 : 2 / 4 : 5 : 1

### Key Points:

- Organised block defensive shape
- Strong tackling team
- Effective shot stopping goalkeeper

### Outstanding Players:

- # 7 Atelaite Manu
- #11 Mateuta Kitinaya Kli Misinale
- #1 Mele Teukialupe Likiliki

### General Comments

- Retreating defence - apply pressure to the ball
- Direct attacking play through the middle
- Excellent team spirit throughout the game

### The way the goals were scored

(The goal may have come from a combination of actions including counter attacks and build up play)

Wing play	0
Solo effort	0
Exceptional finish	0
Combination play	0
Defence splitting pass	1
Diagonal ball in penalty area	0
Defensive error	0
<b>Total (From Open Play)</b>	<b>1</b>

### Where the goals were scored

Inside goal area	0
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Outside penalty area	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>

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Shot	1
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## TECHNICAL AND TACTICAL OBSERVATIONS

### **The winning team**

New Zealand was technically and tactically well prepared for the tournament and the best team on and off the field in playing style and management. They showed effective transition in their attacking and defensive play and team organisation.

The technique and inter-passing skills of New Zealand provided them with a controlled and well structured attacking movement that resulted in a variety of goal scoring opportunities.

Their short inter-passing combination game was effective against all teams, along with their ability to change the point of attack as their wide players, supported by midfielders moved forward to combine with the twin strikers or engage solo attacks against their often slower opponents.

The New Zealand team had several key players with the ability to control the tempo of the game and unsettle opponents by their mobility, tactical awareness and penetrating forward passes.

The players' on-field performance was enhanced by an off-field team of efficient management, video analysis support, professional sports science and medical personnel.

The non playing team delivered player welfare in the hot and humid conditions, after game recovery, injury treatment and nutritional assistance to the players throughout the tournament and supported the coach with technical observations accompanied with visual video aids of match situations for the players to observe.

The New Zealand team's pre tournament preparation included a systematic training plan, camps, local games and international matches that provided them with the best opportunity for success. During the tournament the coaching staff and players were assisted by technology that provides accurate information on their and opponents play.

### **Other teams**

In general all of the other teams had insufficient pre tournament time together as player identification and team selection was late in the final preparation phase due to unforeseen local situations, limited financial assistance and no international games.

It seemed no coincidence that the winning team had the best preparation program and lead-in game schedule with their Member Association committed to providing the coach and players with the best opportunity for success.

PNG showed progress in team organisation and game awareness due to their pre tournament residential camp. Solomon Islands demonstrated that they have young players with individual skill and flair to develop into a future contender. Tonga has continued to develop their team organisation and playing style with good work ethics and team spirit.

A number of key local factors will need to be addressed immediately for island countries to be a serious threat to New Zealand's dominance in women's football.

## TECHNICAL AND TACTICAL OBSERVATIONS

### **Not all players and teams are equal - competitiveness**

The level of domestic competition, talented player identification and pathways with structured programs for junior & youth girls' football in most of the island countries is still developing or non-existent.

A competitive international women's team is closely linked to their playing age, a strong domestic senior women's club competition, youth women's leagues with accompanying regional talented player development programs and knowledgeable coaches.

Training and playing opportunities for the talented young girls with facilities and resources to develop their skills to an international standard over many years does not exist in most Island countries.

Girls require an opportunity to play at an earlier age and acquire accumulated football experiences and develop the important physiological and technical characteristics needed at international tournaments.

Most teams had had a limited pre tournament periodisation program, forward planning schedule, training and playing opportunities and inadequate financial support. Pre tournament preparation between teams at this tournament varied from early identification (over a number of years) and development opportunities of their players to a month before the tournament.

There is a close correlation between the quality and frequency of training and the numbers of high level games where players are able to gain accumulate match experience and the success of a team at an international level. Most of the participating teams at the tournament had no opportunity to gain the required experience.

Medical, Sport Science, and Technology Equipment support provides the coach and players with the best opportunity to repeat high performance actions that the game demands to be successful. There were vast differences between the winning team and other teams in the type and quality of medical and sports science knowledge, support personnel allocated and technical equipment.

Talent identification, player selection methods, process and procedures with a systematic, scientific and football related approach can provide a country with the best athletic and football skilled players.

The selection of potential talented players needs to start at an earlier age (U12 years) and be accompanied with "Talented Football Player Programs" for girls and women that develop physical, technical and tactical actions required at world standards and events. MA's need to - select the best (fastest, fittest, most mobile, most determined, and most dedicated) and provide football opportunities for them to acquire technical and tactical experiences over an extended period.



## TECHNICAL AND TACTICAL OBSERVATIONS

### Technical and Tactical Observations

All teams need to continue to develop physiological, technical, tactical and game smart aspects in relationship to international standards and modern game demands.

The ability of an individual player and groups of players to maintain possession especially in tight areas while creating goal scoring opportunities and defensively deny an opponent effective attacking & goal scoring opportunities can not be understated and requires constant and frequent practice.

Further work needs to be done on physical conditioning of players that meets today's positional and tactical game demands at world standards.

Winning teams at international tournaments have extremely fit and well trained players that have positional tactical understanding that contribute to a team's success.

These observations provide an insight into the current technical status and future development requirements of players to be competitive and effective at the international level.

Listed below is a selection of technical & tactical training recommendations that may assist in developing football qualities require to be competitive at this level of tournament.

### Player & Team Training

#### Technique Development

- The player's first and last touch on the ball in tight & pressure situations
- Control and move the ball into a secure area and away from opponents feet
- Identify the best targets to pass too, player or area and the type of pass required
- Effective technique of crossing and long accurate passes
- 1 v 1 attacking and defending actions
- Tackling technique – how, when & where to tackle to win the ball
- Heading technique - attacking and defending from crosses and long balls
- Goalkeeper positioning, reading the game and technical considerations
- Running with the ball & dribbling - creativity, flair, improvisation, cleverness, deception and decision making - when, where, how & why as a mean of keeping possession and effecting the tempo of the game

## TECHNICAL AND TACTICAL OBSERVATIONS

### **Fitness and mobility development**

- Quick feet, agility, strength training and evasion games
- Acceleration / de-acceleration and changing direction quickly activities
- Game and position related endurance training - linked to reading the game and game actions
- High intensity game actions - linked with mental concentration and specific match situations and tactical considerations
- Pressure play incorporating ball centred attacking and defending game actions
- OFC Standardise fitness testing, monitoring, evaluation and program adjustments

### **Group tactics and game awareness development**

- Quick & accurate combination play around the PA, midfield and wing play
- Group tactical awareness training - 3 v 4 / 4 v 3 : 5 v 3 / 3 v 5 , 6 v 5 / 8 v 8
- Group pressing, blocking and stopping crosses
- Counter attacking - tactical, random, collective, traditional
- Quick ball speed, game reactive and proactive speed off the ball
- Tracking opponents forward runs into goal-scoring areas
- Attacking & defensive role of front screeners / midfield link & play makers
- Structured lead up preparation to create goal scoring opportunities

## TECHNICAL AND TACTICAL OBSERVATIONS

### **Team tactics and game awareness development**

- Cooperative team / game awareness and tactical understanding training
- Maintaining an effective playing shape / formation when attacking, defending or tactical considerations
- Style of play when attacking, defending or tactical considerations
- Playing as a collective unit when attacking, defending or tactical considerations
- Defensive considerations - block, zone / man to man / flexibility, defending low and high tactics
- Ball oriented defending & block defending tactics
- Anti-pressing ball oriented defending tactics
- Counter attacking & counter the counter attack
- Attacking combination play breaking down the defensive block
- Changing the game tempo and style of play - tactical considerations
- Playing without a sweeper and or defending with two central defenders

### **Injury prevention, management and player welfare programs**

- Ensure players have effective movement technique and fitness levels
- Common football injury awareness program - player and coach
- Football injury treatment and management program - player and coach
- Physiological medical screening and player profiles
- Nutritional awareness and monitoring program
- Recruitment or training of competent support staff
- Pre tournament sickness prevention program

## TECHNICAL AND TACTICAL OBSERVATIONS

### **Periodisation, training and competition plan**

- International competition plan - short, medium, and long term
- Strong domestic youth league & underpinning club development structure
- Talented player camps and training plan with outcomes
- Player identification and recruitment plan with outcomes
- Individual and team training schedule
- Periodisation plan for training to develop game specific requirements
- Equipment and resources to aid high performance player development
- Monitor, evaluate, review and adjust training & competition program
- Pre tournament match schedule of lead-in games with tactical outcomes to achieve

## TECHNICAL AND TACTICAL OBSERVATIONS

### **The MA challenge**

National teams to meet playing & fitness world standards for 2009 & 2011 - OFC U17 tournaments

Forward planning of budgets, personnel and scheduling for an effective and sustainable national team program commencing four years prior to the event

Opportunities and facilities for children to start playing football at a younger age in small sided games that challenges / develops tactical and game awareness

Training and up-skill competent effective coaches & support personnel on effective methods of training and preparing a team for international competition

Establish an effective talent identification criteria, method, recruitment, retention and development program supported by camps and games

Accelerated development & competition programs talented youth players

Effective use of MA academies for training the talented players at all age groups

Aggressive marketing to attract the best athletes to come and play football at a younger age

Recruitment and training of competent medical and sport science support staff

A sustainable, strong domestic junior & youth club competition

Allocated budget to effectively prepare the team not just send the team to tournament

Selecting and training the best - playing against the best regularly as a performance indicator



## TECHNICAL AND TACTICAL OBSERVATIONS

### Common issues

- Poor body shape to quickly see opponents, ball, goal, team mates - turn & move forward
- Midfield players without the technical ability & vision to play a quality forward pass at the right time & pace to forward players – A strong need to develop this type of player
- Forward players not to make effective runs into areas to be easily found and difficult to track or make
- Dribbling at the wrong time & place
- Poor crossing technique under pressure
- Unable to change the tempo of the game to create a tactical situation
- Ineffective in breaking down a block defence
- Team leader (s) who effect the game and actions of other players by his / their verbal communication / directions
- Composure & vision in tight situations / areas
- Quality of technique in tight situations / areas
- Reading the cues and reacting to combination & patterns of play actions
- Proactive movement off the ball
- Midfield losing shape after attacking moves
- Not compact and too much space between the back, midfield and forward lines
- Strikers often isolated from midfield and each other



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