MATCH DAY PROGRAM 29th April 2017

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"We'll see you right"

UPPER HUTT CITY VS WAIRARAPA UNITED

MAIDSTONE PARK - KO 1:00 PM



A message from Gibby . . .

Last weekend saw the W League team host Seatoun at Maidstone, while the Premier team took on table topping Vic Uni in what would be two hard fought matches.

Seatoun are always a top 4 contender, and we never take



them lightly, this game was no exception. We had the best start we'd had to date, as we scored straight from kickoff. The ball found itself at Katie Barrotts feet at right fullback, and she promptly arced a ball into the 18 yard box for Emma Main to nod past goalkeeper Ana Whitman-Wenzel, 1-0 and only 30 seconds on the clock. 4 mins later CJ Bott found herself in space on the edge of the 18 yard box and she fired low and hard into the bottom left corner, 2-0 and not yet 5 mins into the game. Seatoun weren't about to roll over, and several minutes later narrowly missed target after a corner kick was strongly headed towards goal by Tess MacPherson. From this point on both teams settled down, and trying to play football, but all too often the final pass or a hurried shot meant that things were scappy, with everything being contested hotly. None more so than a fierce battle between CJ Bott and the Seatoun right midfielder, resulting in a yellow card for Bott and some baffling calls by the referee. There was no further scoring action until late in the second half, when Bria Sargent headed into the net after the keeper patted out a corner making it 3-0, before a misdirected defensive pass fell to Seatoun, who promptly capitalised on the mistake, 3-1.

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Based on the start we got you'd think that we'd have romped home, but alas we are still in search of a consistent 90 min performance.

The Prems took on Vic Uni on the Sunday and unfortunately found themselves down 2-0 as a result of two set pieces. The team regrouped, and began to take more control of the match, pulling back to 2-2 with Georgia Nairne and Sydnie Williams scoring. The girls continued to battle, and despite having the better of the second half, fell to a late goal by Vic Uni – final score 3-2, but showing great character to get back into the game the way they did.

This weekend the W-League take on Wairarapa in what will likely be a changed match up from the Kelly Cup round two weeks ago, while the Prems travel away to play KCU at Weka Park at 1pm on the Sunday.

#bleedorange Gibby



City Review

Introducing your teams . . .

- GK Cushla Lichtwark
 - 2 CJ Bott
 - 3 Katie Barrott
- 4 Emma Lavery
- 5 Lena de Ronde
- Carolyn O'Reilly 6
- 7 **Bria Sargent**
- Kennedy Bryant 8
- **Becky Stewart** 9
- Sarah Gregorius 10
- **Bex Jefferies** 11
- 12 Emma Main
- **Ellen Stirling** 13
- 14 Grace McRobie
- 15 **Ellen Fibbes**
- 16 **Danielle Turton**
- 17 Kassandra Clendon

Coaches/ Mgmt

Wendi Henderson Lisa Gibson Sharon Lavery

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Introducing your teams . . .

- Emma Kuzcona GK
- Sophie George 2
- Rosie Aitkenhead 3
 - Billie Cook 4
 - Ashleigh Gill 5
- Teagan Andrews-Paul 6
 - Hazel Laing 7
 - Helen Kearney 8
 - Angie Williams 9
 - Georgia Atkinson 10
 - Amelia Ward 11
 - Annie Jones 12
 - Meisha Boone 13
- Stephanie Andrews-Paul 14
 - Chantelle Leban 15
 - Isabella Fisher 16





Ferns finding the net abroad . . .

In the women's game in England, it was a winning start for **Anna Green** in the top flight of the FA WSL Spring Series as Reading swept aside Bristol City 3-1. The Football Ferns defender played the full game as Reading stunned Bristol with a three-goal flurry in 12 minutes at the start of the second half. In the second division of the



Spring Series, **Olivia Chance** stepped off the bench for Everton to fire home a stunning 25-yard equaliser late on that rescued a point for the Toffees in a 3-3 draw with Doncaster Rovers Belles.

Betsy Hassett,'s Ajax side is currently taking part in the fourteamplay-offs for the Eredivisie title and began in winning fashion with a 1-0 triumph over ADO Den Haag. There was plenty to

celebrate for several of the other Football Ferns scattered across Europe with **Kirsty Yallop**, **Ria Percival** and **Amber Hearn** all getting on the scoresheet for their respective sides. Hearn's early strike set USV Jena on their way to a 3-0 success over Borussia Monchengladbach in Germany's Frauen Bundesliga



while Yallop also didn't take long to find the net, striking from the penalty spot in the

11th minute to help Klepp to a thrilling 4-2 win against Grand Bodo in the Norwegian Toppserien. Percival had to wait a bit longer for her goal, the marauding fullback pouncing with just over 20 minutes remaining in FC Basel's 3-0 victory over Young Boys in the Swiss Nationalliga.

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In Sweden, **Hannah Wilkinson** made her debut for Vittsjo GIK as a 71stminute substitute but couldn't help her new side hold onto the lead in a 1-1 draw with Ekilstuna United while Football Ferns captain **Ali Riley** took full part as FC Rosengard defeated Djurgardens IF 3-1.



A batch of Football Ferns and All Whites were also in the thick of the

action across the Atlantic in America as the National Women's Soccer League (NWSL) entered its second week. **Rosie White** led the way for the States-based Ferns with a commanding performance as the Boston Breakers accounted for Sky Blue FC 1-0 in their first match on home soil. White made her intentions clear early on by hitting a free kick from 20 yards out that Sky Blue goalkeeper Kailen Sheridan was forced to tip over the bar and was later singled out by the Breakers' supporters group as player of the match. The team of a fellow Fern will soon be in White's sights with Boston next set to take on **Rebekah Stott**'s Seattle Reign, whose confidence will be high after a 5-1 outclassing of the Houston Dash. Stott was an unused substitute as the Reign moved up to second spot on the ladder in front of nearly 3,000 fans.

Keeping them off the top are the North Carolina Courage, who are captained by recently-retired former Football Ferns skipper **Abby Erceg**. The Courage, a newly-formed team, claimed a 1-0 win over the Portland Thorns in their inaugural home opener – which attracted a crowd of over 6,000 – with Erceg returning to the line-up after missing the first match due to injury. The only Kiwi not to toast a victory in the NWSL was **Katie Bowen**, who again got 90 minutes under her belt but was left empty-handed after a 1-0 loss to the Chicago Red Stars.

Round one fixtures confirmed . . .



ROUND 1 DRAW

13-14 MAY (Home teams first / Dates & Venues TBC)

CENTRAL / CAPITAL REGION

Brooklyn Northern United v Petone Kapiti Coast United v Victoria Uni. of Wellington AFC

MAINLAND REGION

Universities AFC v FC TWENTY 11 Halswell United AFC v Parklands United Waimak United v Coastal Spirit FC

SOUTHERN REGION

Roslyn Wakari AFC v Green Island AFC



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NORTHERN REGION Forrest Hill Milford United AFC, Glenfield Rovers AFC, Hibiscus Coast AFC, Norwest Utd, Ellerslie AFC, Central Utd, Eastern Utd, Ellerslie AFC, Central Otd, Edstern Suburbs AFC, Fencibles United AFC, Metro FC, Papakura City FC, Three Kings United, Western Springs AFC, Claudelands Rovers, Hamilton Wanders FC, Otumoetai FC, Rotorua United.

CENTRAL / CAPITAL REGION Palmerston North Marist, Wellington United AFC, Upper Hutt City, Seatoun AFC, Wairarapa United, Stop Out Sports Cub.

> MAINLAND REGIO **Cashmere Technical FC**

SOUTHERN REGION Otago University, Dunedin Technical AFC, Queenstown Rovers.

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