

# MATCH DAY PROGRAM

24<sup>th</sup> June 2017



"We'll see you right"

# PARAPINE

UPPER HUTT CITY VS WAIRARAPA UNITED MAIDSTONE PARK - KO 3:00 PM



## A message from Gibby . . .

Hi team,

Feels like it's been ages since we were home so I'll do a bit of a highlights package J



**Vs PNM 1-2** 

Vs Stop Out 4-1

Vs Vic Uni 1-0 (Knockout Cup)

Vs Seatoun 1-0

Vs Wairarapa 7-0

Round 2 of the W League didn't quite start as we'd planned, with a home fixture against 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Palmerston North Marist. The score was a reversal of round 1, with both teams competing physically and mentally for the entire 90 mins, PNM scoring a late penalty to win 2-1. Sarah Gregorious the goal scorer.

The following weekend we were looking to step up against our local rivals Stop Out. The conditions weren't ideal with the cold southerly and rain blowing end to end, and we took a very long time to get into the rhythm of the game and went into the half 1-0 up. Stop Out were determined, and never gave up, managing to capitalise on one of our mistakes to score, but we eventually took the win 4-1 with goals to Ellen Fibbes and Carolyn O'Reilly our two Centre Backs, and Lena de Ronde & Bex Jefferies, two centre midfielders.

# A message from Gibby . . .

The Knockout Cup draw saw us take on Premier League leaders Vic Uni at Boyd Wilson turf. Despite the clear gap in capability, shape and structure, we found this game tough going, with Vic putting out a very defensive side and effectively 'parking the bus'. Grego finally managed to unlock the defence and



put us 1-0 up, and while it definitely wasn't our best performance, that was the way it stayed.

Away again for Round 8 against Seatoun at Seatoun Park. These games are always competitive as both sides like to play a similar brand of football. We were without Grego whom was out of the country on behalf of NZ Football, and so it was Becky Stewart whom took it upon herself to create something out of nothing and put an all-important winner in the back of the net. This game saw Caelin Patterson play her first 90mins for the W League in an impressive debut. 1-0 was enough to see the game out.

Round 9 was a night game against Wairarapa in Masterton, the 5:30pm kickoff making it feel like a training night. We definitely knew it was winter as it was 4 degrees at kickoff! Wairarapa are structurally a strong side, and despite us having the most of the ball, our finishing wasn't quite up to par, and we went into the half confident, but only 1-0 up.

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The second half was a different story, we hit the underside of the crossbar inside a minute, and then a further minute later Grego scored her second of the game. From here it was all Upper Hutt, with Grego netting a further 3 goals for a total of 5, Kennedy Bryant adding to her season tally, and Ellen Fibbes scoring a screamer from just inside the box. Zoe Barrott and Sydnie Williams came off the bench to make their W League debuts in this match, both proving they are up to the challenge.

Today we host Wairarapa for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time this season, this time in the Knockout Cup. We welcome Kim, the team and their supporters to Upper Hutt and hope to provide the same level of hospitality extended to us on our recent trip.

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Gibby

#### W-League POD

Vs PNM – Carolyn O'Reilly
Vs Stop Out – Becky Stewart
Vs Vic Uni - Carolyn O'Reilly
Vs Seatoun – Ellen Fibbes
Vs Wairarapa – Ellen Fibbes



# Introducing your teams . . .



| GK | Cushla Lichtwark  |  |  |  |  |
|----|-------------------|--|--|--|--|
| 2  | CJ Bott           |  |  |  |  |
| 3  | Katie Barrott     |  |  |  |  |
| 4  | Emma Lavery       |  |  |  |  |
| 5  | Lena de Ronde     |  |  |  |  |
| 6  | Carolyn O'Reilly  |  |  |  |  |
| 7  | Bria Sargent      |  |  |  |  |
| 8  | Kennedy Bryant    |  |  |  |  |
| 9  | Becky Stewart     |  |  |  |  |
| 10 | Sarah Gregorius   |  |  |  |  |
| 11 | Bex Jefferies     |  |  |  |  |
| 12 | Emma Main         |  |  |  |  |
| 13 | Ellen Stirling    |  |  |  |  |
| 14 | Grace McRobie     |  |  |  |  |
| 15 | Ellen Fibbes      |  |  |  |  |
| 16 | Danielle Turton   |  |  |  |  |
| 17 | Kassandra Clendon |  |  |  |  |
| 18 | Caelin Paterson   |  |  |  |  |
| 19 | Zoe Barrott       |  |  |  |  |
| 20 | Sydnie Williams   |  |  |  |  |



Coaches/ Management Wendi Henderson

Lisa Gibson Sharon Lavery



# Introducing your teams . . .

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





Coaches/ Management Kim Nye Gill Flower

# The Knock Out cup . . .



| TIME & VENUE           | HOME TEAM          |    | AWAY TEAM                  |
|------------------------|--------------------|----|----------------------------|
| 12:30 PM<br>Sat 24 Jun | Seatoun            | VS | Palmerston<br>North Marist |
| 3:00 PM<br>Sat 24 Jun  | Upper Hutt<br>City | VS | Wairarapa<br>United        |

# The W League . . .

#### The Table

| TEAM                         | Р | W | D | L | F  | Α  | GD  | PTS |
|------------------------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|-----|-----|
| Parapine ITM Upper Hutt City | 9 | 8 | 0 | 1 | 42 | 5  | 37  | 24  |
| Cafe Cuba PN Marist          | 9 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 38 | 8  | 30  | 22  |
| Wellington United Diamonds   | 9 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 53 | 14 | 39  | 19  |
| Seatoun AFC                  | 9 | 3 | 0 | 6 | 16 | 18 | -2  | 9   |
| Stop Out                     | 9 | 2 | 0 | 7 | 6  | 54 | -48 | 6   |
| Wairarapa United             | 9 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 3  | 59 | -56 | 0   |

#### **Next Weeks Fixtures**

| TIME & VENUE         | HOME TEAM                          |    | AWAY TEAM                        |
|----------------------|------------------------------------|----|----------------------------------|
| 1:00 PM<br>Sat 1 Jul | Parapine ITM<br>Upper Hutt<br>City | VS | Wellington<br>United<br>Diamonds |
| 1:00 PM<br>Sat 1 Jul | Cafe Cuba<br>PN Marist             | VS | Seatoun AFC                      |
| 2:30 PM<br>Sat 1 Jul | Stop Out                           | VS | Wairarapa<br>United              |

#### Past experience drives Anton . . .

Fond memories of previous campaigns are driving Elizabeth Anton as she prepares to suit up for a second U-20 cycle.

Anton was recently named in Gareth Turnbull's 20-strong New Zealand squad for the upcoming OFC U-19 Women's Championship having



previously starred for her country during the 2016 FIFA U-20 World Cup campaign, as well as at U-17 FIFA World Cup campaign in 2014.

"It's always exciting hearing that you will be able to represent your country," she says.

"My previous age-group experiences have all been really enjoyable so I can't wait."

Anton played every minute of the 2016 campaign and the centre back can take a lot from that experience into the July qualifiers as New Zealand aims to earn a spot in France 2018.

"I think the main thing I learned was to play with confidence when playing international matches. It's important to believe in yourself, not to hide on the world stage and to just give it all you've got."

The Western Springs defender – along with several other members of the squad – is involved in the Football Ferns Development Programme and Anton says the the environment is second to none.

"We're training four times a week with the top New Zealand-based footballers, along with a match against U-17 boy's sides – it has really helped me to identify and work on my weaknesses and strengths," she says.

#### Past experience drives Anton . . .

"It's great being in a competitive environment with team mates who have similar goals and aspirations as you do, I find this helps me to be more motivated to become a better player."



Anton has her sights firmly set on reaching the pinnacle of the international game but has a job to take care of with the U-20s first.

"Winning is the main goal and qualifying for France 2018," she says.

"My goals for after the OFC U-19 Championship is to make the U-20 World Cup squad if we qualify and, in the long-term, I want to make the Football Ferns."

New Zealand schedule at OFC U-19 Women's Championship (Ngahue Reserve, Auckland)

vs Papua New Guinea Tuesday 11 July, 10am

vs Fiji Friday 14 July, 10am

vs New Caledonia Monday 17 July, 12.30pm

vs Samoa Friday 21 July, 10am

vs Tonga Monday 24 July, 10am

#### Heartbreak in Russia . . .

All Whites coach Anthony Hudson called for a performance for New Zealand to be proud of and his boys delivered with an incredible effort only to fall to a 2-1 defeat to Mexico in the FIFA Confederations Cup at Sochi this morning.

The All Whites deserved their half-time lead after an outstanding finish for the opening goal by Chris Wood from a Clayton Lewis ball a few minutes before half-time. Mexico rallied in the second half and Raul Jimenez levelled the score in the 54<sup>th</sup> minute when finding the top corner at the end of a free-flowing move.

New Zealand hearts were then broken though as Oribe Peralta smashed home a cut back off the inside of the near post to put Mexico in front in the 72<sup>nd</sup> minute. They could, and probably should, have made it three when Juergen Damm weaved his way into the box and did everything but score.

The All Whites had their chances to get something out of the game in the dying stages and threw everything at the side ranked 17<sup>th</sup> in the world but were denied a hugely memorable result as Mexico successfully closed out the win.



### **Congratulations Bria – turning 200...**

Bria Sargent recently hit the milestone very few players achieve. 200 games for a club's 1st team

Bria first joined the club in 2003, playing for two seasons. After a brief stint with Seatoun, Bria rejoined Upper Hutt in 2006 convincing Wendi and Gibby to play "socially" as well. The club won the league that year and was promoted to the top grade again! So much for it being social and Bria has been at Upper Hutt ever since!



A player that wears her heart on her sleeve without a doubt. A player that plays with grit and determination and lots of loyalty. Bria has demonstrated this grit coming back from 4 left knee operations as well as being told not to play again given she has the knee of a 65 yr old!!! Now, at almost 42 yrs old, Bria continues to soldier on with experience and an understanding of the game which continues to be a great asset to the team and squad.

A referee's favourite - many times having been booked when in actual fact it was Wendi or another player that had made the tackle or said something under their breath. A bit of a target for the refs, Bria gained a reputation for being a hard, determined player, a key asset that ALL coaches these days are actually looking for in a player as this is becoming harder to find. A player that always has the back of her team mates with loyalty shining through.

Thank you for your contribution not only to Upper Hutt over the 13 yrs you have been part of the club, but to women's football in general in Wellington with over 27 year's worth of commitment, something you should be very proud of.