



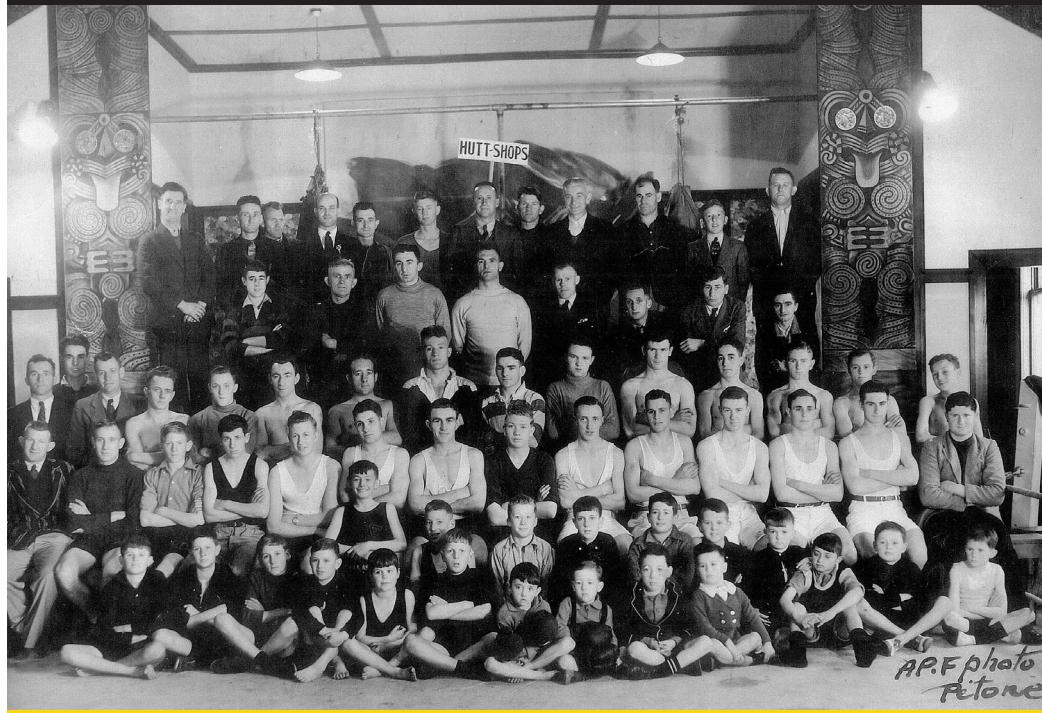
2017 OFFICIAL PROGRAMME

Men's Central League

STOP OUT vs PALMERSTON NORTH MARIST

2:30PM Monday 17th April

FOOTBALL FOR ALL



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FIRST WORD

MY BLOOD IS RED... AND GOLD!

I hope everyone is having a great Easter break and with lots of football it makes it even better. Today we welcome Palmerston North Marist and coach Shane Rufer. Shane played 28 times for Stop Out scoring 9 goals.

Two losses for Palmerston isn't the start they'd have been after but it's early days in the Central League. Of course both clubs have subsequently played on Good Friday before this programme was produced so it adds interest to another tough encounter.

For us sitting top is nice but many would say it was dropped points against Team Taranaki.

The one saving grace for us playing Lower Hutt on Good Friday is that our game against Team Taranaki was a very good dress rehearsal for a team that is busy, combative and direct.

We've had a good record against Palmerston North Marist since our return to Central League but every game in this league is competitive so expect a ding dong battle and it's hard not to be impressed with Micky's goal scoring feats.

As you'll also note in the programme our Capital 1 and Capital 4 teams both fresh from promotion have made positive starts to their campaign. A slight change to our 3rds, and introducing more youth this year has helped our player pathway model. There is now a clear link from youth into senior football for our stars of the future.

Enjoy the football and enjoy our Stop Out hospitality.

SHANE RUFER

APPEARANCES: 28

1979 - 22
1980 - 6



GOALS: 9

1979 - 7
1980 - 2

1979 GOALS AGAINST

vs Dunedin City 01/04 Caledonian
vs Courier Rangers 08/04 TeWhiti
vs Manawatu United 16/04 TeWhiti
vs Mt Wellington 25/04 TeWhiti
vs North Shore United 06/05 TeWhiti
vs Wellington United 02/06 Newtown Park
vs Eastern Suburbs 02/09 TeWhiti

1980 GOALS AGAINST

vs Rangers 23/03 Rangers
vs Wellington United 30/03 Hutt Raceway

What's fascinating is almost 38 years to the day Shane scored the winner in the game against Manawatu United at Te Whiti Park.

Palmerston North Marist

| DATE | TEAM | COMP | H/A | VENUE | RESULT | G.S. |
|-----------|-------------------------|----------------|-----|---------------|--------|--------------------------|
| 5/2/2015 | PALMERSTON NORTH MARIST | Central League | H | Hutt Park | 3-2 | L M Malivuk, S Gulley |
| 7/25/2015 | PALMERSTON NORTH MARIST | Central League | A | Memorial Park | 4-1 | W M Malivuk (3), JWypych |
| 4/16/2016 | PALMERSTON NORTH MARIST | Central League | H | Hutt Park | 2-1 | W Malivuk (2) |
| 7/2/2016 | PALMERSTON NORTH MARIST | Central League | A | Memorial Park | 3-1 | W Malivuk, Tai, Corrales |

| MEN'S CENTRAL LEAGUE 2017 | | | P | W | D | L | F | A | GD | Pts |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|--|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|-----|
| 1 | STOP OUT | | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 4 | 4 |
| 2 | Lower Hutt City AFC | | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 7 | 6 | 1 | 4 |
| 3 | Wellington Olympic | | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 4 |
| 4 | Western Suburbs | | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 4 |
| 5 | Team Taranaki | | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| 6 | Wairarapa United | | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 7 | 5 | 2 | 3 |
| 7 | Wellington United | | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 6 | -3 | 3 |
| 8 | Napier City Rovers | | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 5 | -1 | 1 |
| 9 | Watson Real Estate PN Marist | | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 5 | -2 | 0 |
| 10 | Miramar Rangers | | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 7 | -4 | 0 |

SEASON FIXTURE: STOP OUT (MEN'S CENTRAL LEAGUE 2017)

| | | | | | | |
|----------|----------------|-------|-------------------------|--------------|----|-------------------------|
| Round 1 | 01/04/17 (SAT) | 14:30 | Newtown Park | Stop Out 4 | vs | Wellington United 0 |
| Round 2 | 08/04/17 (SAT) | 14:30 | Hutt Park 1 | Stop Out 1 | vs | Team Taranaki 1 |
| Round 3 | 14/04/17 (FRI) | 15:00 | Fraser Park Turf | Stop Out | vs | Lower Hutt City AFC |
| Round 4 | 17/04/17 (MON) | 14:30 | Hutt Park 1 | Stop Out | vs | Palmerston North Marist |
| Round 5 | 29/04/17 (SAT) | 14:30 | Hutt Park 1 | Stop Out | vs | Napier City Rovers |
| Round 6 | 22/04/17 (SAT) | 14:30 | David Farrington Park | Stop Out | vs | Miramar Rangers |
| Round 7 | 06/05/17 (SAT) | 14:30 | Hutt Park 1 | Stop Out | vs | Wellington Olympic |
| Round 8 | 21/05/17 (SUN) | 14:00 | Endeavour 1 | Stop Out | vs | Western Suburbs |
| Round 9 | 27/05/17 (SAT) | 14:30 | Hutt Park 1 | Stop Out | vs | Wairarapa United |
| Round 10 | 03/06/17 (SAT) | 14:30 | Hutt Park 1 | Stop Out | vs | Wellington United |
| Round 11 | 11/06/17 (SUN) | 13:00 | Yarrow Stadium | Stop Out | vs | Team Taranaki |
| Round 12 | 17/06/17 (SAT) | 14:30 | Hutt Park 1 | Stop Out | vs | Lower Hutt City AFC |
| Round 13 | 08/07/17 (SAT) | 14:30 | Memorial Park (PN) | Stop Out | vs | Palmerston North Marist |
| Round 14 | 02/07/17 (SUN) | 14:00 | Park Island | Stop Out | vs | Napier City Rovers |
| Round 15 | 22/07/17 (SAT) | 14:30 | Hutt Park 1 | Stop Out | vs | Miramar Rangers |
| Round 16 | 29/07/17 (SAT) | 17:45 | Wakefield 2 | Stop Out | vs | Wellington Olympic |
| Round 17 | 05/08/17 (SAT) | 14:30 | Hutt Park 1 | Stop Out | vs | Western Suburbs |
| Round 18 | 12/08/17 (SAT) | 17:30 | Masterton Memorial Turf | Stop Out | vs | Wairarapa United |

| 2017 | LHC | MPN | MR | NCR | SO | TT | WaiU | WO | WelU | WS |
|-------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Lower Hutt City | | 10/6 | 8/7 | 3-3 | 14/4 | 27/5 | 6/5 | 29/4 | 5/8 | 22/7 |
| Marist Palmerston North | 3-4 | | 29/4 | 14/4 | 8/7 | 3/6 | 5/8 | 22/7 | 27/5 | 6/5 |
| Miramar Rangers | 17/4 | 1/7 | | 6/5 | 22/4 | 17/6 | 3/6 | 5/8 | 2-3 | 27/5 |
| Napier City Rovers | 3/6 | 18/6 | 30/7 | | 2/7 | 6/8 | 17/4 | 28/5 | 23/4 | 1-2 |
| Stop Out | 17/6 | 17/4 | 22/7 | 29/4 | | 1-1 | 27/5 | 6/5 | 3/6 | 5/8 |
| Team Taranaki | 13/8 | 1-0 | 14/4 | 21/5 | 11/6 | | 23/7 | 9/7 | 30/7 | 30/4 |
| Wairarapa United | 29/7 | 20/5 | 4-1 | 9/7 | 12/8 | 23/4 | | 10/6 | 1/7 | 14/4 |
| Wellington Olympic | 1/7 | 22/4 | 20/5 | 12/8 | 29/7 | 17/4 | 4-3 | | 17/6 | 3/6 |
| Wellington United | 20/5 | 12/8 | 10/6 | 22/7 | 0-4 | 6/5 | 29/4 | 14/4 | | 8/7 |
| Western Suburbs | 23/4 | 30/7 | 13/8 | 11/6 | 21/5 | 2/7 | 18/6 | 1-1 | 17/4 | |

CAPITAL 1

Following on from our sensational start last week away at Wharfies, the Reserve Team welcomed their Island Bay counterparts to Hutt Park. The pitch was looking in great nick despite the heavy rain during the week, so Jase and Andrei were looking for a similar performance against their former club. Andrei Gilbert has joined the club to become the Reserve Team Manager, and he brings a wealth of experience from his days as Island Bay First Team Manager.

The Reserve Team were bolstered by the appearances of first team squad members James Sharp, Dan de Gans and Brayan Heredia. The game started at a frenetic pace, with our boys retaining possession superbly and taking the game to Island Bay. Our strong start was soon rewarded with a penalty for handball, which Dan de Gans tucked away with ease. Finn Sorger was once again the conductor in midfield, who has been in fine form since returning to the club after a brief absence. We soon doubled the lead in incredible circumstances; Sharpie clipped a free kick from half way into the box, the Island Bay keeper struggled to deal with the high ball, and it ended up in the net. He was definitely going for goal! A fantastic first half performance was complete after an own goal extended the scoreline to 3-0.

The second half was much of the same. As expected, Island Bay came out firing and the

boys held strong, weathering the storm before once again establishing dominance. The Goal of the Season competition was soon won by the impressive Hayden Taylor. After a corner was cleared out by an opposing defender, Stav was waiting some 35 yards. One touch on the knee, before a quick bounce up off the ground, he dispatched a half volley over the keeper into the net. Cue absolute pandemonium amongst team mates and supporters alike at witnessing such a phenomenal strike. Josh McEvoy capped a fine performance with a goal to extend the lead to 5-0. Jake Ward, Callum Brooker and Nash Malivuk soon entered the frame and established themselves well. Island Bay eventually managed a consolation strike, but it was all in vain as the 'Ressies' notched a comprehensive 5-1 victory. Stavros Taylor picking up the MOTM award after another immense display at left full back... and a goal that will take some beating!

| CAPITAL 1 - 2017 | | P | W | D | L | F | A | GD | Pts |
|------------------|-----------------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|-----|-----|
| 1 | KCU 1sts | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 8 | 6 |
| 2 | Victoria University | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 2 | 7 | 6 |
| 3 | Stop Out | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 1 | 7 | 6 |
| 4 | Miramar Rangers AFC | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 10 | 4 | 6 | 3 |
| 5 | Tawa | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 6 | Wainuiomata | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | -1 | 3 |
| 7 | Petone | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 6 | -2 | 3 |
| 8 | IBU AFC Reserves | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 7 | -5 | 0 |
| 9 | Waterside Karori | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 10 | -10 | 0 |
| 10 | Stokes Valley Bobcats | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 14 | -12 | 0 |

WOMEN'S REPORT



It would be easy at first glance to look at the score line 7 nil to Upper Hutt in our game on Saturday and see only a poor performance but that was not the case, I saw a team in the dressing room fired up and ready to compete against a very talented Upper Hutt side knowing they had only 2 subs, one being a keeper and the other carrying an injury.

From the first whistle we started as we had planned to play hard and lift our individual performances which they did with much improved performances by Sasha playing on the left wing and putting pressure on their backs, Heather our striker always a worry to their keeper, Bex our keeper in the first half having a pleasing game after coming back from a bad injury last season and Rhee, Laura and Emerald having good games in the mid field with Amiee, Olivia, Jess and Sophie having some hard battles in the backs.

The 3 goals we conceded in the first half were a bit soft but we did have our chances too, with one nearly coming from a set piece corner that we had only done on the white board 30 minutes before the game.

Going into half time the ladies were still very fired up and enthusiastic about the game and were pleased with the way they were playing. Second half we changed keepers and to her credit Jes had a good game making some very saves. About half way into the second half tiredness started to have its toll and 4 more goals were scored one being a penalty.

We had two injuries and only one sub, Laura came off and Melissa went on and did her best with an injured foot for the last 15 minutes.

I am proud of the ladies for battling to the end, they were not the winners on the day but they were warriors and warriors are always winners thank you ladies.

WOMEN'S 3rd TEAM

MATCH REPORT

It was a quiet day at the office for me in goal this week. I even had time to stand on the penalty spot on pitch no. 3 and noticed it wasn't in the middle of the goal. It was like a game of half court (basketball term), because all the play was in the opposition's half.

We managed to score our first goal off a pretty average corner kick. It was like a comedy of errors as the ball bounced around like we were playing ping pong, before Gio tapped it into the back of the net. This was followed up with a goal by Ali (pocket rocket) Cameron. Once again she was all over the field.

I was starting to think I should get discounted subs, because I was just a spectator at the game. That was when NaeNae had their first real attacking opportunity. They were awarded a corner kick, unfortunately we couldn't clear the ball and they managed to place it in the back of the net.

The half-time score was 2-1. I am pretty sure our team were confused about the sport code we were playing, because it looked like they were trying to get points from conversions. If we got 1 point for every shot at goal and 2 points for every

goal we scored, we would have been at least 20-1 up.

Approximately 20 minutes into the second half NaeNae managed to score again when one of their players found the top right hand corner of the goal from a shot outside the box. Score 2-2. That wasn't the final score though! GI came back onto the field after a rest on the side-line. She showed all class, as she dribbled the ball past NaeNae's defenders and beat the keeper.

The whole team played extremely well and deserved the win.

There is one other person I need to acknowledge in my match report and that is Mike Etridge. He has kindly given up his time to coach us this season.

FINAL SCORE: 3-2 TO US ONLY



MEN'S CENTRAL LEAGUE



COACH

Chris Sambrooke

ASSISTANT COACH

Steve Guley

MANAGER

Paul Commerford

GK COACH

Chris Campbell

PHYSIO

Proactive

STOP OUT SPORTS CLUB

GK 1 James McPeake

GK 20 Chris Campbell

2 Jono Steele

3 James Sharp

4 Kade Schrijvers

5

6 Devon Batchelor

7 Martin Packer

8 Justin Gulley

9 Jerram Tuck

10 Micky Malivuk

11 Andrew Abba

12 Daniel de Gans

13 Brayan Heredia

14 Luke Grindlay

15

16 Jason Tipping

17 Steve Guley

18 Cherbel Khouchaba

19 Levi Mcfarlane



PALMERSTON NORTH MARIST

| | |
|----|------------------|
| GK | Max Hopf |
| GK | |
| 2 | James Satherly |
| 3 | Nathan Cooksley |
| 4 | Graham Craven |
| 5 | Robbie Yule |
| 6 | Rhys Janes |
| 7 | Luke Palfreymen |
| 8 | Mike Sheridan |
| 9 | Aaron Richardson |
| 10 | Joe Craven |
| 11 | Lucian Armstrong |
| 12 | Fraser Eddowes |
| 13 | Bart Rimmongrua |
| 14 | Ashish Sahayan |
| 15 | Cameron Elms |
| 16 | Lee Rufer |
| 17 | Orin Prattley |
| 18 | Patrick Smither |



COACH

Shane Rufer

ASSISTANT COACHES

Matt Smith, Terry Nutter

REFEREE

Robert Fleetham

AR1

Mark Hewitt

AR2

Barry Buchanan



CAPITAL 4

Our Third team have taken on a new look this year, following on from the superb work Marty Dutton and his boys have put in to taking the team up the grades over the past few years. While a few key players have remained, the bulk of the side is made up of U17's and U19's players - a key development in building our pathway between the youth and senior areas of the club.

After a resound 6-0 victory in the opening fixture, we welcomed Wharfies to Hutt Park in the marquee 2:30pm fixture. We were boosted by the appearance of Kieran Mouton to the side, who started alongside youngster Sam Mitchell in the heart of defence. Once again, elder statesmen Matthew 'Chopper' Hendersen, Mark Meo and Cam van Baarle were standouts in a 7-3 win.

These older boys have been instrumental in the make up of the team this year, proving valuable knowledge and expertise to the younger players. Juan Madriaga capped a strong performance

with a double along with Jordan Duff, while van Baarle, Kieran McInnes and Kieran Mouton chipped in with a goal apiece. It wasn't a perfect performance, but it nevertheless provided a great learning experience for the younger lads. Kieran Mouton was simply superb in a MOTM performance - bringing an attitude that typifies the kind of attitude that we are seeking to instil in our younger players. He was simply first class; he did himself proud and illustrated what a valuable club man he is. We go into our next fixture full of confidence and eager to continue our rich vein of form.

| CAPITAL 4 - 2017 | | P | W | D | L | F | A | GD | Pts |
|------------------|--|---|---|---|---|----|----|-----|-----|
| 1 | Island Bay FC | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 2 | 11 | 6 |
| 2 | Stop Out | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 3 | 10 | 6 |
| 3 | Victoria University Accies | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 4 | 8 | 6 |
| 4 | Just Paterson Real Estate NW 3rd XI | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 3 |
| 5 | Island Bay Dreamers | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 5 | 0 | 3 |
| 6 | Tawa Bulldogs | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 8 | -2 | 3 |
| 7 | Seatoun AFC | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 8 | -6 | 3 |
| 8 | Wainuiomata | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 9 | -6 | 0 |
| 9 | Waterside Karori Magpies | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 9 | -6 | 0 |
| 10 | Marist 2nd Team | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 13 | -10 | 0 |

Stop Out v Team Taranaki - Hutt Park

Our first home game of the season was against newly promoted Team Taranaki. With us both coming off first round wins we knew it would be a tough fixture and they would be up for it on their first away trip to Wellington.

The game started as we expected, well contested, physical and direct. We struggled to settle early on and the game was a little unstructured and end to end. Midway through the first half Grindlay refused to give up on what looked like a lost cause and recovered a stray ball took it around the defender before drawing a foul from the keeper resulting in penalty. Steve Guley stepped up and slotted home for the second game running to give us the lead. Within ten minutes we conceded through a penalty from a handball just inside the area, Chris Campbell was close to saving it but frustratingly it went in.

Overall we were a little disappointed in the first half's performance and looked for an instant

improvement heading into the second half. The second half followed the script of the first. It was a

physical and lacked a bit of structure. We were improved and looked like the only team that was potentially going to get a winner. Grindlay and Abba both drew good saves from the keeper and Jerram Tuck put one just wide after a great run. Unfortunately we just could score the second goal so it finished 1-1.

Plenty of work to do heading into a massive double header over Easter starting with the local Derby on Good Friday.

Final Score: Stop Out 1 v Team Taranaki 1

Scorers: Steve Guley

Man of the Match: Kade Schrijvers



TARANAKI VIEW



Robert Charles/FAIRFAX NZ

Josh Smith forced a penalty for Team Taranaki which Damien Mosquera converted.

20 minutes. However, Team Taranaki were comfortably in control at all times and dealt with anything Stop Out had to offer with ease.

At the other end, the visitors started to get counter attacking opportunities that exploited space in behind the Stop Out defenders. Both Josh Smith and Mosquera troubled their defenders, but failed to produce any scoring opportunities.

Stop Out were able to muster some attacking football to test the Taranaki side in the final 15 minutes, but Fernandez protected the goal well for the scores to finished locked after 90 minutes.

The result saw Team Taranaki stay unbeaten through their opening two fixtures in the Central League, and coach Ian McGrath said he was pleased with the outcome.

"We got what we deserved against one of the favoured teams in the competition. We looked solid throughout, the team organisation and structures are looking good and we were more consistent in possession and on attack than last week.

"Further games will increase the quality of our performances and cement combinations in our attacking play, but we look very organised, solid and credible at this level. I want to see us build on that self-belief and develop a realistic ambition to not just compete against every team in this league, but to go and win games.

"That mentality will develop over the course of April and will be reinforced with good results like yesterday. We are on track with our short term target and we remain focused as a group on what we can control only."

At a glance

Team Taranaki 1(Damien Mosquera pen) **Stop Out 1**(Steven Gulley pen)

A review of women's football in the lower North Island has resulted in a number of structural changes to women's club football in 2017.

Capital Football (CF) hired private company Peter Dale Management to conduct a review of women's football across the lower North Island in 2016. Lisa Jones, CF's Operations Manager, described the process as "a player focused review" that involved "players, coaches, and people who are actively involved in the game."

She stated that "every club was contacted."

CF used the recommendations of the review to initiate changes, including a commitment to disestablish the Women's Central League (WCL) and replace it with a six-team Women's Premier League (WPL), and to remove promotion/relegation for the Women's premier league for at least two years.

A number of clubs and players have raised questions about the process, many of whom were not aware of, or involved in, the review.

North Wellington, Petone, Victoria University, Brooklyn Northern Union, Karori, Wests, and Kapiti Coast United teams sent a collective letter to CF, asking, "were there representatives of all clubs questioned / interviewed? [...] What recommendations of the review that are to be adopted are not outlined in the November 4 letter?"

CF spokesperson Richard Reid responded, suggesting the clubs had "made many unsubstantiated 'allegations' as to the validity of the review and therefore its integrity."

He stated: "I am sorry if that is how you view CF and the way it operates but you are entitled to your opinion [...] we also 'get it' that all that is being proposed/enacted [...] will cause some angst amongst some clubs who feel it is 'unfair', again this is the nature of these things."

The content of new rules have also caused concern. Prior to the review, teams at the end of each season were able to either move up if they had won their current league, or move down if they had lost their current league.

A player from a Victoria University's Women's team, who wished to remain anonymous, spoke with Salient, saying, "it's just unfair that we don't get the opportunity to challenge ourselves and move up to a higher league."

"What if we're better than the worst team in this new league? They can't be moved down, and we can't be moved up. It doesn't make any sense."

In addition, players from outside Wellington who seek to play in the WPL would likely need to travel to the Wellington region to do so, as five of these teams — Wairarapa, Wellington United, Seatoun, Upper Hutt, and Stop Out — are from the greater Wellington region.

The anonymous Victoria University's Women's team player reflected that "these changes would never be suggested, let alone introduced, in men's football." The changes follow a number of instances of alleged sexism in the industry.

A player from the New Zealand national league, who chose to remain anonymous so as not to jeopardise her career, said to Salient, "players in the women's national team are expected to train full time, but aren't paid nearly enough."

"They end up having to train full time, and work nights just to make ends meet. The women's team perform far better on the world stage than the men's team, so the funding should be placed there first."

Hope Solo, who played for US women's national soccer team until 2016, garnered media attention after coming forward to complain about a disparity in resource quality between women's and men's teams.

Solo posted a photo of worn grass at the Boca Raton stadium in Florida, writing "this is what the top two women's teams in the world will play on tomorrow night. #EqualMeansEqual."

UNDER 17s



Week Two of U17 football saw four teams take to the field for the first time in Stop Out history. An extremely satisfying outcome off the back of some hard work creating a fun and inclusive football programme - where we stick to our main ethos of 'Football for All'.

Our A side had a tough encounter against a strong Tawa side. We were rocked early on by an unfortunate wrist injury to Michael Meyer; scans later confirmed a fracture which sees Mikey facing a spell on the sidelines. Ryan Brydges made his debut for the club in a hugely encouraging performance, in a side missing a few key players. A lacklustre first half performance resulted in a 4-0 score line. To the boys credit they put in a much more improved and disciplined performance in the second half with no change in the scoreline.

Our B side faced a trip up the coast to take on Waikanae. This was a hugely disappointing outing for the group. The boys never really clicked out of gear and it showed; a 9-1 defeat was a reality check for us.

Our Red side made the trip out to St Pats Town to take on the Seatoun '99's'. The naming of this particular side raised a few eyebrows pre game and our suspicions proved to be right. This certainly wasn't an exclusively U17 side that we faced up against! Nevertheless, our boys faced the increased physical battle with an impressive attitude, taking a 1-0 lead courtesy of a goal on debut from Jahkaya Atkinson. A shortage of numbers meant tiring body's saw the scoreline

blowout in the '99's favour with a final score of 5-1. A pleasing display of attitude from our boys and plenty of positives to take away from the game.

Our Gold side travelled out to the picturesque Endeavour Park for a game against Wests. A game played in good spirits from a great set of lads who represent their club with immense pride. U17 group favourite Mathew 'Schmeeve' Eveleigh managed to get himself on the scoresheet for the first time this season, while Conor McIntyre and Jimi Nelson performed brilliantly despite a 5-1 loss.

It was a tough week results wise for the group. Having our club represented with four teams in the U17 leagues shows we have a programme that is professionally run and well enjoyed by our group of boys. This week has taught us the importance of attitude in our approach to the game - each team with contrasting experiences. The ability to analyse performances in a constructive fashion will set us apart in the U17 environment. We go into a two week break for Easter and school holidays, with plenty of time to work on things with our hallmark attitudes.

Until next week!

START OF THE SEASON

STOP OUT FAN MIKE BARTON GIVES US HIS PERSPECTIVE ON THE GAME!

Yesterday, Saturday the 8th of April, was the start of home matches for the W League , the Central League, Capital One and Capital Four teams. It has to be said that the Hutt Park looked a picture for the event.

Particularly striking was the mowing that has been done across the Number One pitch. After the dismal grey weather earlier in the week it was probable that many of us were wondering what the pitch conditions would be like. In that sort of sunshine and with those clear blue skies, a few days after the grey and damp, a cynic might say everything was going to look great. Put simple, and cynicism aside, it did.

With having the draw of both the W League and Central League matches on, pretty much, simultaneously there was a respectable turn out across both matches. As they were the first home matches of the season, inevitably, there was a lot of good humour about. For some of us familiar faces seem to disappear over the close season only to reappear as autumn, and football, starts to become a factor in our lives. (On a tangent. This was more problematic when I was teenage. Most of the squad seemed to disappear over summer. It seems that they went and played other sports like cricket, tennis and softball. It came us something of a shock to me and my friends. Firstly, to realise they were sports other than football. Secondly, that it was possible to have an interest in more than one sport. It would be fair so say that in

sporting terms we were a bit one dimensional.) Back to the substantive issue and catching up with people. At half time I bumped into Kevin Coe, who played in the mens first team a while back, who introduced, more like reintroduced, me to Arie Molenaar. Arie is a life member of Stop Out. Page two of the programme has the full list, and despite him living but a few doors from my parents home I had not seen or talked to him in over thirty years. Thinking back I used to be in his home, irregularly, as a youngster. Whilst it is great to do 'catch up', it really is, trying to fashion a succinct answer to 'what have you been doing with yourself?' after that length of time is interesting. Even a challenge.

More than catch up what was really striking about the Hutt Park was the spread of ages, and generations, all about the park. Engaging with each other. Sadly there are, it seems to me, generational gaps, and sometimes the younger and the older do not always spend enough time together to swap anecdotes and share their respective views. If yesterday's afternoon at Hutt Park hadn't happened I might not have known that my daughter views the idea of adults liking anchovies with some disdain.



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