



# 2017 OFFICIAL PROGRAMME

MEN'S CENTRAL LEAGUE

**Stop Out vs Western Suburbs**

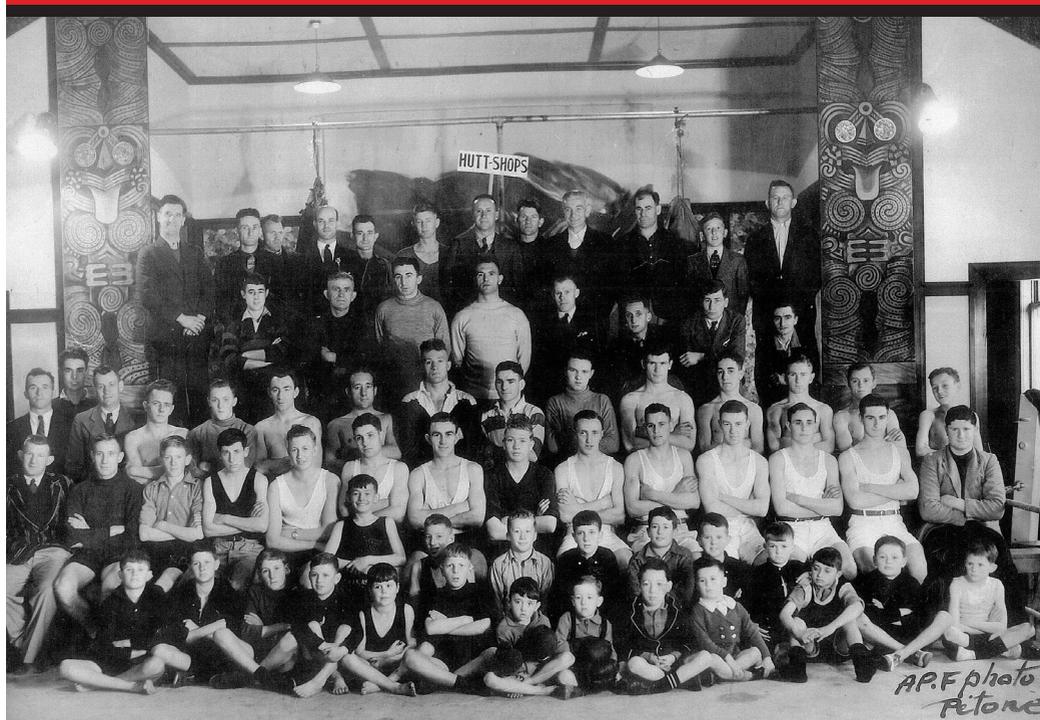
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WOMEN'S W-LEAGUE

**Stop Out vs Wairarapa United**

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# FOOTBALL FOR ALL



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In a blink of an eye the season is all but over.

There's been a call around football circles to play more games and extend the winter season.

With the advent of artificials, sand based pitches and modern turf management that should be simple. And club's would welcome the extra matches with more club events wrapped round those opportunities. As the only club in the Wellington region with a team in the top two leagues Central League and W League - we would welcome it.

Today both of our top sides are playing side by side. Logistically challenging but fantastic for the supporters.

There's big plans afoot to develop our Women's game even further at Stop Out and with the W League in 2018 consisting of the same six teams, it's a great opportunity to introduce and

develop some new players into the squad.

As the largest senior club in the Hutt Valley our 'Football for All' philosophy still holds true, Any player at any level, of any ability has a place at Stop Out. Maybe that's why we attract so many players.

Others have a different success model and good luck to them, but we're very comfortable with our place in football.

And our undoubted success in 2017 has been the creation of our Development Programme "1919".

1919 will grow and under Adam Reynard's watch is going from strength to strength.

A good season for the club, albeit too short. Enjoy the football and our Stop Out hospitality.



MEN'S CENTRAL LEAGUE 2017		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Western Suburbs	17	14	2	1	42	13	29	44
2	Wairarapa United	17	11	1	5	58	39	19	34
3	Wellington United	18	9	2	7	47	41	6	29
4	<b>STOP OUT</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>26</b>
5	Miramar Rangers	17	7	2	8	45	41	4	23
6	Napier City Rovers	17	6	3	8	41	41	0	21
7	Wellington Olympic	17	5	5	7	34	37	-3	20
8	Team Taranaki	17	6	2	9	22	29	-7	20
9	Lower Hutt City AFC	18	6	2	10	36	47	-11	20
10	Watson Real Estate PN Marist	17	2	3	12	23	60	-37	9

### 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   3	vs	Lower Hutt City AFC   2
Round 4	17/04/17 (MON)	14:30	Hutt Park 1	Stop Out   7	vs	Palmerston North Marist   0
Round 5	22/04/17 (SAT)	14:30	David Farrington Park	Stop Out   0	vs	Miramar Rangers   4
Round 6	29/04/17 (SAT)	14:30	Hutt Park 1	Stop Out   3	vs	Napier City Rovers   2
Round 7	06/05/17 (SAT)	14:30	Hutt Park 1	Stop Out   2	vs	Wellington Olympic   2
Round 8	21/05/17 (SUN)	14:00	Endeavour 1	Stop Out   0	vs	Western Suburbs   1
Round 9	27/05/17 (SAT)	14:30	Hutt Park 1	Stop Out   1	vs	Wairarapa United   4
Round 10	03/06/17 (SAT)	14:30	Hutt Park 1	Stop Out   1	vs	Wellington United   0
Round 11	11/06/17 (SUN)	13:00	Yarrow Stadium	Stop Out   1	vs	Team Taranaki   0
Round 12	17/06/17 (SAT)	14:30	Hutt Park 1	Stop Out   2	vs	Lower Hutt City AFC   1
Round 13	08/07/17 (SAT)	14:30	Memorial Park (PN)	Stop Out   3	vs	Palmerston North Marist   1
Round 14	02/07/17 (SUN)	14:00	Park Island	Stop Out   1	vs	Napier City Rovers   4
Round 15	29/07/17 (SAT)	17:45	Wakefield Park 2	Stop Out   2	vs	Wellington Olympic   4
Round 16	05/08/17 (SAT)	14:30	Hutt Park 1	Stop Out   1	vs	Miramar Rangers   3
Round 17	12/08/17 (SAT)	17:30	Masterton Memorial Turf	Stop Out   1	vs	Wairarapa United   4
Round 18	19/08/17 (SAT)	14:30	Hutt Park 1	Stop Out	vs	Western Suburbs

### 2017

	LHC	MPN	MR	NCR	SO	TT	WaiU	WO	WelU	WS
Lower Hutt City		1-4	3-1	3-3	2-3	0-0	1-2	1-3	0-5	0-3
Marist Palmerston North	3-4		3-5	2-4	1-3	2-1	19/8	2-4	1-1	2-2
Miramar Rangers	4-3	7-0		2-2	4-0	0-6	3-3	19/8	2-3	2-3
Napier City Rovers	5-1	3-0	0-5		4-1	19/8	3-4	4-1	2-6	1-2
<b>Stop Out</b>	<b>2-1</b>	<b>7-0</b>	<b>1-3</b>	<b>3-2</b>		<b>1-1</b>	<b>1-4</b>	<b>2-2</b>	<b>1-0</b>	<b>19/8</b>
Team Taranaki	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-4	0-1		4-2	0-2	1-0	1-3
Wairarapa United	2-3	7-1	4-1	3-1	4-1	5-1		3-2	5-2	2-1
Wellington Olympic	0-4	1-1	1-2	2-2	4-2	1-2	4-3		1-2	1-2
Wellington United	4-6	3-1	7-4	2-1	0-4	3-0	5-4	4-4		0-2
Western Suburbs	2-1	6-0	1-0	3-1	1-0	3-1	5-1	1-1	2-0	

# JUNIOR FESTIVAL

**HUTT PARK**

A foggy start greeted us all in early August as we hosted the Capital Football Hutt Valley festival for 7th and 8th grade teams played at Hutt Park. Once it cleared we had a glorious sunny day with some great football played!



# BREMNER GIRLS

**CLASSY GAME**

The 13th grade Bremner girls after their classy game at Te Whiti Park today as they beat an Onslow boys team 6-2. It not often you get the opposition pay compliments to your side on how well they have improved since the start of the season to the football they are playing now. The future is bright with this talent coming through. If you get the chance over the last couple of weeks to watch this girls side play they will not disappoint.



When the dust settled after 2016's historic success with U17's, the focus for 2017 was one of consolidation. We were immensely satisfied with our rapid growth, but were mindful of the risks associated with growing too big, too quickly.

Any notions of consolidation in 2017 had to be abandoned less than two weeks into pre season, as a massive influx of new players into the group saw our playing group expand. We welcomed new faces, as well as familiar ones, as we continued the trend of players returning home after being lost to the system only a few years ago. Our work in the 2016 season had given us an unexpected reputation throughout the region, which saw players from as far away as Plimmerton, Tawa and Brooklyn want to be a part of the group.

We had 62 registered players in the 2016 season; in 2017, that number grew to 75. More history was created as we entered a fourth team into local competitions to accommodate all of our players.

As part of the continuing growth of the programme, Adam Reynard joined myself in leading and directing the youth set up. His added knowledge and experience has taken things to the next level. The launch of his brainchild, the 1919 Programme, marked an important step in our wider plan. We were also able to call on the help of Jordan Duff, Griffin Edward, Cherbel Khouchaba, Kane Krebs, Jack Marra, Mark Meo, Kieran Mouton, Luke Pynenburg and Jake Ward throughout the season. We rely solely on volunteers, who believe in the programme and what we are trying to achieve.

We put considerable effort into growing the pathway between U17's and the Men's spaces. My new role as Head Coach of the Men's Thirds in Capital Four allowed for an easier transition for our older players. We saw our U17's players make appearances for our Men's First Team, while several established themselves as Reserve Team regulars. Our Third Team saw over 20 senior men's debuts, providing several feel good stories throughout the season.

Much has been made in recent times of the importance of youth development in New Zealand Football. The rise of private providers has brought with it numerous talking points. While we are by no means perfect, the programme we

have in place strikes the right balance between developing youth and allowing for the older player to thrive. Our track record shows how we are able to adapt and change through a collaborative approach across all areas of the club.

Football is just one aspect of our programme. The history of Stop Out has taught us the importance of being a pillar in the community, and offering a environment for everyone to feel at home. Those who came before us have shown what it means to be a part of our unique history, and our players take great pride in shaping our future. We are confident in the ability of our boys to take on the footballing lessons we provide, as well as the life lessons that come with it. We love this club, and to be a part of it is something special.

It is difficult to pick out any one particular player from such a vast group. What we have seen is a group of teenagers from all walks of life come together and represent the club with great distinction. It has been another excellent year of development for the youth programme at Stop Out, and we're just getting started!

Roll on 2018.





# 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
RGK	Chris Campbell
2	Jono Steele
3	James Sharp
4	Scott Henderson
5	Kade Schrijvers
6	Devon Batchelor
7	Martin Packer
8	Cole Peverley
9	Jerram Tuck
10	Micky Malivuk
11	
12	Justin Gulley
13	Brayan Heredia
14	Luke Grindlay
15	Rhys Glover
16	Jason Tipping
17	Steve Guley
18	Cherbel Khouchaba
19	Sam Wilson

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## WESTERN SUBURBS

<b>GK1</b>	Reed Collingwood
<b>2</b>	Jaga Scott-Greenfield
<b>3</b>	Liam Gerathy
<b>4</b>	Dalton Wilkins
<b>5</b>	Nando Pijnaker
<b>6</b>	Marko Stamenic
<b>7</b>	Elijah Just
<b>8</b>	Alex Clayton
<b>9</b>	
<b>10</b>	
<b>11</b>	Xavier Green
<b>12</b>	
<b>13</b>	
<b>14</b>	Owen Parker-Price
<b>15</b>	Daniel Harford-Silas
<b>16</b>	Harry Edge
<b>17</b>	Matt Garbett
<b>18</b>	Callum McCowatt
<b>19</b>	Ahmad Mohammadi
<b>20</b>	
<b>21</b>	Isaac Tetteh
<b>22</b>	Blake Jones



### COACH

Declan Edge

### ASSISTANT COACH

Paul Wooldridge

### REFEREE

Robert Fleetham

### AR1

Mark Whitehead

### AR2

Chris Bennett



# WOMEN'S W-LEAGUE



## COACH

Dennis Tapp

## MANAGER

Gail Kincaid

## STOP OUT SPORTS CLUB

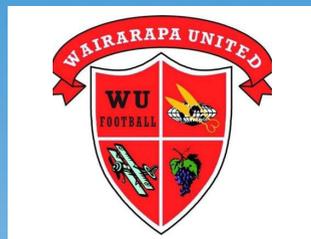
GK 1	Jes Howes
GK 2	Bex Williams
GK 3	Madeline Keown
2	Kathryn Farmer
3	Sophie Burley
4	Aimee Sanson
5	Emerald MaGlashan
6	Laura Dobie
7	Rhiannon Jones
8	Melanie MacDougall
9	Olivia Browne
10	Sasha Gray
11	Heather Williams
12	Makenna Guidry
13	Melissa Prattley
14	Anna Robson
15	Alana McGee
16	Lucy Dobbin
17	Jessica Kincaid
18	Jane Boyer

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## WAIRARAPA UNITED

GK	Emma Kuzcona
2	
3	Rosie Aitkenhead
4	Meisha Boone
5	Georgia Atkinson
6	Ange Williams
7	Isabella Fisher
8	Helen Kearney
9	Angie Williams
10	Casey Scott
11	Teagan Andrews-Paul
12	Amelia Ward
13	Billie Cook
14	Stephanie Andrews-Paul



**COACH**  
Kim Nye

**ASSISTANT COACH**  
Gill Flower

**REFEREE**  
Derrol Macdonald

**AR1**  
Paul Rushworth

**AR2**  
Conor Healy

**SUBWAY**  
WAIWHEHU



The Women's 1st team started the season against the three hardest teams consisting of Wellington United, Upper Hutt and Palmy Marist. This was never going to be an easy feat hence shown by the 17-0 and 12-0 score lines.

How ever as the season has gone on the team has been able to put in a lot of respectable performances, wining and drawing against Wairarapa and also for the first time in women's football history beating Seatoun 2-1 in a thrilling encounter at Hutt Park.

As always the end of season comes with it the usual injury tolls and the calling up of numerous second team players for development and support, to allow the best possible chance heading into each game.

The ladies have finished 5th this season in W W League with a game to go and although no positions will change after the result we know both teams will be up to finishing on a high.

This weekend the ladies welcome Wairarapa to Hutt Park.

### **WOMEN'S DIVISION 1:**

Our Women's 2nd team started the season slowly in the first round and finish mid table at end of first round before mid-season promotion/relegation occurred.

The second half of the season started the same way as the first half with calls going against the side and what should have been winning games ending up us losing by a goal or two.

After a regroup and honest look at ourselves the ladies have gone on to win their last 6 games in a row putting them 2 points clear in second place ahead of this weekend final game on Sunday at hutt park against Vic Uni.

The ladies have it all in their own hands. A loss for top of table island by by two goals and a win of two goals would see us finish the league on same

amount of points but a better goal difference meaning winning the league.

On the other hand a draw or a win is also enough to finish In the top two regardless and earn promotion back to women's Premier.

So get on down and show your support and help the ladies get across the line.

### **WOMEN'S DIVISION TWO:**

Our women's third team started off with a hiss and a roar and unfortunately ended up just missing the midseason promotion/relegation cut to move into division one.

The second half of the season performances continued right up to the last game where a win against Wellington United and a favourable result with the top two sides playing each other would mean our team getting promoted.

Unfortunately it was not to be as our girls did their part in the equation winning 5-0 but some one forgot to tell Porirua, who were top of table, not to lose to second place Wainui which meant the Stop Out Blacks having to settle for a well deserved but frutrating 3rd place finish.

Now the Cup competition begins and last weekend the ladies drew Vic Uni whom ended up defaulting which means the ladies advance to the semi final this weekend. It also brings up another couple of centurions for the club in Ann and Janae.

On behalf of all the three teams, players, coaches and managers I would like to thank everyone for the support this year and wish everyone the best of luck in their final games of 2017.



Preseason started with hope for a good season ahead. The core of the side had returned for another season, but we did unfortunately lose Luis Corrales to Olympic, Brandon Tai to a year off to concentrate on study and Sam Pickering to Petone. In terms of recruitment we picked up Kade Schrijvers, Jerram Tuck, Jono Steele, Levi McFarlane, Scott Henderson, Cherbel Kouchaba that would join from the start and TW players Cole Peverley, Justin Gullely and James McPeake would join midway through the season at the conclusion on the Oceania Champions League.

For the first time in many years we decided not to enter the Hilton Petone Cup for our pre-season build up. This gave us the opportunity to arrange our own fixtures and even get a couple of home games. In terms of results it was a mixed bag but we got to see a lot of players in action and gave the opportunity to young players to stake a claim for a first team spot. Brayán Heredia who had recently arrived from the club from Lower Hutt in the youth space excelled and as a result found himself in the First Team set up for the season and has gone from strength to strength through the year.

Opening day had us travelling to Wellington United. And we came away with great 4-0 victory to get us up and running, two goals to Micky Malivuk, a penalty to Steve Guley and a debut goal for Levi McFarlane gave us the three points over the Hilton Petone Champs. Next, we hosted Team Taranaki who were returning the league after their play-off victory against Karori. This was a tough encounter which finished 1-1 after two penalties. It felt like 2 points dropped as we were the only side pushing to win, but Taranaki defended well for their point.

Our next two games were over Easter weekend. On the Friday, we travelled to Fraser Park to take on Lower Hutt City. We started slowly and fell behind in the first 15 minutes, after than Lower Hutt looked to defend the lead and we dominated possession and eventually the pressure told, with Andrew Abba equalising just before the break. We led midway through the second half with Abba's second but coughed up an equaliser not long after. Micky gave us the winner 10 minutes from full time. With a short turnaround, we took on Palmerston North Marist at Hutt Park. This was one best performances of the season, Abba scored a first half brace before the floodgates opened in the second half a Malivuk hat-trick and Grindlay double completed the dominant 7-0 win and put us top of the league in the early stages.

Our next fixture took us to David Farrington Park to take on a Miramar side that had struggled in the start of the

season. The game that followed still confuses me. We played well throughout and a couple of defensive errors saw us slip to a 2-0 deficit at half time. The game finished 4-0 despite having 24 shots and hitting the post 8 times. Tough lesson to take on the importance of not making mistakes and being clinical in front of goal.

The following week, we felt we got our season back on track with a strong 3-2 win of Napier City Rovers. It was a great game for the neutral, we fell behind 1-0 before goals to Micky and Steve gave us the lead that we looked we would hold onto until a free-kick was awarded to Napier and Kilkolly scored to make it 2-2 with only 5 minutes remaining. From a set piece Scott Henderson scored with a great header to earn us a valuable 3 points. On the back of this result at home we hosted defending champions Wellington Olympic. We completely dominated this game and were 2-0 up at halftime. The second half saw Olympic score from a free-kick and then get the equaliser in the 97 th minute despite the ref confirming there were 3 minutes to add on. A frustrating finish to a game we should have won.

The following weekend we travelled to Endeavour to take on a Western Suburbs side that we starting to make real noises in the league that would lead them to winning emphatically. In this game, however it was a tight battle which we lost 1-0 to a goal early in the second half.

To finish the first round, we hosted Wairarapa United to Hutt Park. Despite dominating the chances, we fell behind to a set piece. Our own corner drew us level with a goal to Kade Schrijvers before another failure to clear a set piece left us down at the break. We couldn't fight our way back in the second half and late on when over committing numbers to get a goal back we left ourselves exposed and went down 4-1.

The second half of the season started with two tough 1-0 victories, the first came at home to Wellington United in a game we perhaps could have scored more in, but were happy to take the three points. The second was a true battle at Yarrows Stadium in Taranaki. We went into the halftime break at 0-0, it was a game of few chances but lots of possession. We knew that we needed to keep patient and organised and after Cherbel scored the winner we defended superbly to take home three points.

From Taranaki, we went home to take on Lower Hutt in the second derby of the season. Another tough fixture in which we took all three points in a 2-1 win to go 3 from 3

in the second round conceding the solitary goal.

The great start to the second round hit a bump when we travelled to Napier City Rovers. Martin Packer was sent off midway through the first half which made the day very difficult. Added to that Napier were awarded a penalty to make the game 1-0. We knew that even a draw wouldn't help us when trying to catch Wests so we threw caution to wind the get goals back. Late on the extra man really told and we went down 4-1, our solitary goal coming late on from Justin Gulley.

Another away trip took us to Palmerston North Marist to play for the O'Brien Shield. We had already beaten Marist in the league and knocked them out of the cup, but they had found a bit of league form in recent weeks and were fighting hard to stay in the league. We took control of this game early on with goals to Steve Guley from the spot and Jerram Tuck. Palmy gave themselves some hope with a smart finish just before the break but a second goal from Jerram killed the game off and in truth we could have made it 6 or 7 late on with the chances we created.

After our game with Miramar got postponed due to weather we travelled to Wakefield Park for our next fixture against Olympic. In recent weeks, Olympic had got the majority of their squad back on deck and had got the results they needed to pull themselves out of trouble. This was a game that would have been great for the neutral, but not from our side. Corrales gave Olympic an early lead and this was doubled shortly after. We pulled one back through Grindlay just before the break which gave us something to build on for the second half. Olympic extended the lead before Micky pulled one back right away, unfortunately we could not get the equaliser and Olympic hit us on the counter one more time.

Our re-scheduled match up with Miramar was held on a very wet Hutt Park. It was another game that continued our theme of 2017, we dominated the first half and created many chances to take the lead, but we didn't and were punished. Miramar scored 3 goals in a 20 minute period to begin the second half, Jerram pulled one back late on but in truth we weren't clinical enough in front of goal to be worth any points in this game.

Our last away fixture for the season took us to Wairarapa. The amount of injuries and players leaving the group really started taking its toll with 10 players unavailable for the last few weeks of the season. This game was much like the Miramar game from the week before. We took the lead from a Jerram Tuck penalty, but it wasn't enough for the dominance the side showed. Wairarapa were able to equalise to leave us level at the break. The second half we just didn't take the chances we created. We were

caught on the counter twice in the final third of the game and at 3-1 the game was over. Rapa added a goal late on to finish it at 4-1.

## CHATHAM CUP

**Round 1** drew us away at Victoria University on a very narrow Boyd Wilson Turf. We took the opportunity to rest a few injuries and give some opportunities to other squad members. It was a tough game and University created the best opportunities in the first half and were unlucky not to be ahead. We scored late on in the second half and were sure that was it, but University had other ideas on off a wicked deflection the striker was played through and equalised. Just as they were figuring out how to turn the floodlights on for extra time, James Sharp headed home the winner in injury time. It was tighter than we would have liked but progression was achieved.

**Round 2** drew us at home against Palmerston North Marist. Shane Rufer took the opportunity to rest a few players ahead of their league game against Lower Hutt. That being said they shocked us early on with a partly cleared corner being smashed home two minutes in. We were level less than five minutes later with Cole Peverley converting a free-kick. Grindlay then scored one and set one up for Jerram to give us a 3-1 lead at the break. We continued to dominate into the second half and a goal each to Steve Guley and Justin Gulley rounded out the scoring at 5-1.

**Round 3** drew us at home again, this time to Capital Premier challengers North Wellington. Much like the last round we found ourselves behind in the first minute to a header at the back post. We settled well after the set back and Cherbel played through Steve who equalised. Grinner gave us the lead and Jerram stretched the lead to 3-1 in the second half. North Wellington scored again to make 3-2 from a free kick late on which made the finish a bit more frantic, but in all honesty made the game appear closer than it was.

**Round 4** drew us at home to eventual Central League Champions Western Suburbs. We started the game well and were causing problems for the Wests system. Unfortunately we had to make a couple of enforced changes through injury that disrupted our organisation. A poor pass out of the back was ruthlessly punished to give Wests the lead. This was repeated not long after for a 2-0 lead. Wests were dominant in the second half, when we pushed on to get a goal that would get us back into the contest Wests picked us off on the counter and were clinical in their finishing. The final result being 5-1. Our goal coming from a late Jerram Tuck penalty.

# AND SO IT ENDS

A confession of sorts follows. Due to conditions slightly beyond my parenting abilities I have missed a couple of matches of late. However, due to the increasing technological connection of today I have still kept abreast of the matches in near 'real time'.

How so? A football fan by the name of Brandon Clarke has been coming to matches and making video clips and immediately posting them to Twitter. Brandon under the account name @kiwbardy has been feted online by fans, far and near, who cannot get to our matches. A Hamilton fan, yes we have them, pointed out that Brandon was giving better coverage than our major sports networks. A friend of mine living near Albany, in the USA, was a bit unhappy with the way we conceded possession in one match. That is terrific is it not? Not the possession issue, clearly.

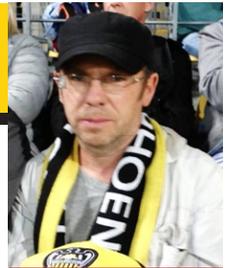
Whilst I was parenting elsewhere, at Avalon Park, I saw a group of boys all their Stop Out kit. The design stands out somewhat plus the swathe of the 'warm colour' red intensifying that. The parents told me that the boys had not come straight from a match. They had been home, cleaned up, and then put their shirts back on. One of the dads put it like this. 'The shirts are very cool, they have that panache'. Shortly after, the boys all went home. Then, another group of boys arrived and, you guessed it, all in Stop Out shirts. In the interests of research I approached their accompanying adults. A couple were straight from their match but the rest have chosen, again, to wear them as, borrowing from fashionista pages,

their 'day wear'.

Just as good as all this was my daughter recognising the shirts and shouting loudly 'Dad, look it's Stop Out'. Then it got better as two boys went by wearing shirts from another club and daughter said, of the shirts, 'don't like them'. Is it appropriate to being a little bit smug?

Something else arises from this. Talking with one of the parents I said that 'it was a good strip'. In reply I got a blank look so I added 'it's a good kit' which got a further blank look before he responded 'oh, you mean uniform'. Uniform? I was willing to concede that whilst the shirts were uniform in design and colour they are not uniforms. This might be my issue but I only think of our shirts, and shorts, as part of our strip and/or kit. Uniforms are something for the military or the police or airline pilots. Well now, that's something of a hornets' nest. Dictionaries and thesauri do not hold my my view. Not at all. The safe bet is that many will agree to disagree.

Sadly, it is the end of the season. Let us serve up a cliché. The end has come around far far too quickly. Good luck to you all and see you next season.



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