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# WELCOME TO WAKEFIELD

## CHAIRPERSON'S WELCOME – PAUL KOTROTSOS



**I'd like to welcome Eastern Suburbs and their travelling supporters to Wakefield Park today – It's Cup quarter final time!**

Eastern Suburbs are currently top equal with Auckland City in the Northern League and currently unbeaten this season. This will be our toughest challenge since our OFC qualifiers at the start of this year. After last weekend that was full of upsets, I know our guys will lift their game today. Great to test ourselves against one of the country's best.

The Women's World Cup is well under way and the public has supported the event on both sides of the Tasman with good numbers through the turnstiles. It is great to see and I hope this World Cup can break previous attendance records, albeit there are 32 teams.

For all you sport enthusiasts that don't only follow football, here are a few other World Cups that NZ teams are competing in this year:

Netball WC - Cape Town, South Africa - starts July  
Men's Basketball WC - Philippines, Japan and Indonesia - starts August  
Men's Rugby WC, France - starts September  
Men's Cricket WC, India - starts October  
Men's and Women's Underwater Hockey World Championships, Gold Coast, Australia - July 18-30

\*\* The NZ Men's and Women's Elite teams are current World Champions from 2018.

Good luck to the Football Ferns on their continued journey for the Cup, and good luck to the teams today.

I hope to see you all back in the Clubrooms after the match - players, supporters and referees all welcome.

## CENTRAL LEAGUE – RUPERT KEMEYS



**Two very good wins against Petone in the Chatham Cup and Wellington Phoenix Reserves in the league took us through to the quarter finals of the Chatham Cup and sitting four points clear in Central League.**

Unfortunately complacency got the better of us at Memorial Park and Petone FC made us pay with an incredibly disappointing result last weekend.

Whilst we have been great at getting ourselves up for the big games this year, consistently getting up for every game is what champions should be able to do and a few times this season we have come out flat. Knowing that every team are out to prove a point when they play us, I believe the coaches and players have learnt a valuable lesson from last weekend and we

know we need to bring our best game no matter the opposition.

We welcome Eastern Suburbs to Wakefield Park, a team who are sitting pretty at the top of the Northern League with Auckland City. We are excited to test ourselves against one of the in-form teams in the country and as the old adage goes, we must beat the best to be the best. We know they will bring a lot of quality to the contest and no quarter will be given.

## FROM THE CAPTAIN – BEN MATA



**We welcome Eastern Suburbs to Wakefield Park today for the Quarter Final of the Chatham Cup.**

Being up the top of Northern League with Auckland City speaks to the quality of the Suburbs team. We know we're in for a war of attrition today, and are

excited for the challenge ahead. Expect a bit of Cup magic and may the best team win.

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# CAPITAL 1 – JOHNNY GERONDIS



**After disappointing results against Horowhenua Coastal and Island Bay United, we've regrouped to win back-to-back to put us in the mix for the business end of the season.**

It was crucial that we came away from our game against the Wellington Phoenix with all 3 points to give us something to play for. We started the game strong and led early thanks to a great finish by Paul Kothroulas, featuring a trademark run from inside his own half. The Phoenix replied swiftly and scored twice in 3 minutes to lead at the break. Following our half-time chat, Jett Dunn, on his Capital 1 debut for season 2023, levelled us and set the scene for a comeback. To finish, Miroslav Malivuk coolly slotted from the spot for the win, leading to a great club night.

That same weekend, Petone Reserves went top of the league after a convincing 4-1 against Western Suburbs. I watched the celebrations of that win and it was enough for myself and the team to get up for our next fixture against them. We were on point right from kick off, arguably our best team performance of the season in regards to how we set up and executed our tactics to get all 3 points against the league leaders. Daniel Minshull put us ahead early on, and Joe Gordon slotted

home with a composed finish to seal the win against an on-form Petone side. This one felt good, I was stoked to see the team show what we're capable of. We've got four games to go and we've set the standards for the run in. We will give it our all to get maximum points and see how we are placed come the end of the season.

What a game we have ahead of us today. I would like to welcome friends and family of Wellington Olympic to Wakefield Park, along with Eastern Suburbs. The Chatham Cup hits different, especially in its 100th season. I'm expecting an absolute banger of a quarter final.

Myself and the club are backing Olympic to continue their Cup run, and I wish the team all the best for today's game. We'll all be on the bank in full noise supporting our 'LYMPIC!!!

Enjoy the Cup action.

# OLYMPIC U17S – SAM MITRAKAS



**The last couple of weeks have been tough for the boys in terms of results.**

In the last week especially, the performances have been good, but not taking our chances have hindered the outcome of those games and we have been really hard done by some poor referee decisions. The North Wellington/Onslow a couple weeks ago was a tough game. We went into HT at 1-1, with Sam Gordon scoring for us. NW (top of the table) showed why they are top and scored 4 in the second half to win 5-1.

In the past week, we played Petone twice. In the first game, Sam Gordon gave us a 1-0 lead. After having chance after chance to go 2 up and hitting the woodwork twice through Alex Beggs, Petone were

then awarded a controversial penalty to draw 1-1. In the following game, it was a similar outcome. Lots of chances missed cost us, as Petone scored on the counter. In the last play of the game on our attacking corner, all players, including our GK Josh Ingham, were in the box looking to get an equaliser. A header from Heath Coulter was cleared off the line by their defender with his hand - clear as day. Somehow it wasn't awarded and the whistle blew right after that moment. It summed up a frustrating weekend at Petone Memorial, but we look to get back on track this weekend in our preparation for the National Youth League in September.

# TFT MASTERS – STUART COATS

**At the risk of sounding like a broken record: it has been a tough couple of weeks for the TFTs in Masters 2.**

Numbers continue to be a struggle. While we have managed to field teams for the games we have been a bare 11, which means we struggle at the back end of matches as we tire. In week 13 we played Island Bay Solid Gold. We had an exciting 4-4 draw with this team earlier in the season but we were thoroughly outplayed on this occasion. Unfortunately we were sloppy in possession, which meant that we were often overwhelmed on defence. Add in a couple of errors from our stand-in goalkeeper (as this was me, I am allowed to denigrate my own efforts) and the conclusion was a 6-2 loss. Goals to Reece Brooks and Mike Leach.



Thankfully a much better effort in week 14 at Maidstone Park against the Upper Hutt Saints. Much better football played. We were unlucky on a few occasions, both in attack and defence, leading to a 3-1 loss. Bevan Smith continued his goalscoring feats by getting our only goal. One of those games where we look back and say "if only." Unfortunately this result has put us into a relegation dogfight. TFT's are currently 5 points clear of the drop zone with 4 matches to play, so not desperate straits just yet. We continue to welcome players back from injury. By the last game of the season we may have a complete squad. Onwards and upwards!

# OLYMPIC JUNIORS LITTLE KICKS / FUN FOOTBALL



**We are currently 12 weeks into our Little Kicks Programme which runs on a Sunday indoors at the Indian Centre for children aged**

The children love their sessions under the watchful eye of Coach Luis from Playball. The sessions are a mixture of fun games which help build a solid foundation of movement and football based drills.

Over the last few sessions, Luis has also slowly introduced small football games for the kids, teaching them more about various positions on the field. We look forward to the last third of the season and many more happy smiling faces on Sunday mornings.

Anna-Maria Fradelakis  
Junior Admin



## TERM 2 HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

**Photos from our successful Term 2 holiday programme run by Sam Mitrakas and Dave Graham.**

Congratulations to Olympia and Amalia Halikias, Kingsley McGuigan, Alex Houtas and Declan Willard for winning our first team signed shirts.





# **GIANNI BOUZOULIS – 100 APPEARANCES**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO GIANNI BOUZOUKIS ON HIS 100TH  
CENTRAL LEAGUE APPEARANCE!**

# CHATHAM CUP QUARTER FINAL PREVIEW



## FIRST TEAM FIXTURE



VS



## WELLINGTON OLYMPIC AFC vs EASTERN SUBURBS

Saturday 29th July, 2.00pm Kick Off, Wakefield Park

## OTHER FIXTURES

## RESULTS



**HAMILTON WANDERERS  
VS CHRISTCHURCH UNITED**

Saturday 29th July, 2.00pm,  
John Kerkhof Park, Cambridge

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**ROSLYN WAKARI  
VS WATERSIDE KARORI**

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# CENTRAL LEAGUE SQUAD



**1** SCOTT  
BASALAJ



**3** JOE  
HOPPER



**5** JUSTIN  
GULLEY



**6** TOR  
DAVENPORT-PETERSON



**7** KAILAN  
GOULD



**8** JOEL  
STEVENS



**9** HAMISH  
WATSON



**10** GIANNI  
BOUZOUKIS



**11** NATHANAEL  
HAILEMARIAM



**12** CHRIS  
KOTROTSOS



**14** JACK-HENRY  
SINCLAIR



**15** BEN  
MATA



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APAAPA-PRESTON



**17** DEVON  
THURSTON



**18** THEO  
ETTEMA



**19** SAMUEL  
MITRAKAS

# WELLINGTON OLYMPIC AFC



**20** TAM  
DIMAIRO



**22** DIMITRI  
ASPOSTOLAKIS



**23** GAVIN  
HOY



**25** MERLIN  
LUKE-MINY



**32** DYLAN  
WOOD



**34** WILL  
VINCENT



**41** JACOB  
DALY



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**STATHE APOSTOLAKIS**  
CAP PREM MANAGER

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## WELLINGTON OLYMPIC



## EASTERN SUBURBS

SCOTT BASALAJ (GK) 1	1	JOE KNOWLES (GK)
JACOB DALY (GK) 41	25	ERNEST WONG (GK)
JACK CAWLEY 2	2	ADAM THOMAS
JOE HOPPER 3	3	TYLER LISSETTE
DYLAN WOOD 4	4	KELVIN KALUA
JUSTIN GULLEY 5	5	AARYAN RAJ
TOR DAVENPORT PETERSEN 6	6	JAIDEN VAN DER HEIJDEN
KAILAN GOULD 7	7	DANIEL BUNCH
JOEL STEVENS 8	8	JOSH GALLETTY
HAMISH WATSON 9	10	ADAM THURSTON
GIANNI BOUZOUKIS 10	12	CAMPBELL STRONG
NATHANAEL HAILEMARIAM 11	13	ADAM SUPYK
JACK-HENRY SINCLAIR 14	14	JAYDEN SCOTT
BEN MATA (C) 15	15	FRANCIS DE VRIES
DEVON THURSTON 17	16	JOE JEREMIAH
THEO ETTEMA 18	17	STEPHEN HOYLE
SAMUEL MITRAKAS 19	18	KRIS NAICKER
TAMUPIWA DIMAIRO 20	20	JAKE MECHELL
MERLIN LUKE-MINY 25	21	RYAN VERNEY
OLIVER DAVIES 32	23	SAM TWIGG
LEO GUNN 33	24	LUIS TOOMEY
WILL VINCENT 34	27	DYLAN LAING-MCCONNELL
	28	RILEY DALZIELL
	29	MALCOLM YOUNG
	31	JACKSON JARVIE

**Head Coach**  
Rupert Kemeys

**Assistant Coach**  
Scoota Roche

**Team Manager**  
Matt Kolic

**Trainer**  
James Mac Aodagain

**GK Coach**  
Steve Dimakis

**Physio**  
Brogan Treanor

**Gear Manager**  
Dave Graham

**Referee**  
Matthew Conger

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Cameron Gruschow

**2nd Asst Ref**  
Sean Lau

**4th Official**  
Chris Bennett

**Head Coach**  
Kane Wintersgill

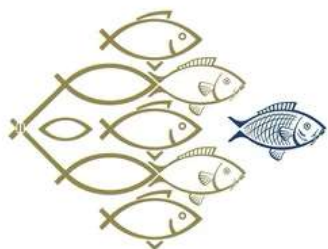
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Michael Built  
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