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SAT 30 SEP

12.30PM KICK OFF
UNITED SPORTS CENTRE, CHRISTCHURCH



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CHRISTCHURCH UNITED 2023 FIXTURES

A	01 VS EASTERN SUBURBS	SUN 24 SEP	3.00PM	MADILLS FARM
H	02 VS PHOENIX RESERVES	SAT 30 SEP	12.30PM	UNITED SPORTS CENTRE
A	03 VS AUCKLAND UNITED	SAT 7 OCT	3.30PM	KEITH HAY PARK
H	04 VS MANUREWA	SAT 14 OCT	3.00PM	UNITED SPORTS CENTRE
H	05 VS PETONE	SAT 21 OCT	12.00PM	UNITED SPORTS CENTRE
H	06 VS NAPIER CITY ROVERS	SUN 29 OCT	2.00PM	UNITED SPORTS CENTRE
A	07 VS WELLINGTON OLYMPIC	SAT 4 NOV	2.00PM	MARTIN LUCKIE PARK
H	08 VS CASHMERE TECHNICAL	FRI 10 NOV	7.00PM	UNITED SPORTS CENTRE
A	09 VS AUCKLAND CITY	SUN 19 NOV	2.00PM	KIWITEA STREET

H = HOME A = AWAY

NEXT HOME GAME



SATURDAY 14 OCTOBER,
3.00PM, UNITED SPORTS CENTRE



COACH'S

COMMENTS

Hello and welcome to today's game at the United Sports Centre!

So much has happened since my last set of program notes there's probably not enough words or space to do it justice! However, I will have a go. A first loss of the season to our great rivals Cashmere Technical followed quickly by two cup final wins that saw us complete a remarkable treble, the first in over 30 years.

The Chatham Cup was a day that our club will never forget and although it was a nervy fixture its one that will forever be remembered after Melville goalkeeper Max Tommy scored a 97th minute equaliser to take the game into extra time.

Once we had settled down I felt we controlled extra time and were unlucky not to find a winner after coming very close on a number of occasions. On to penalties and my message to the players was pick a spot and put it there and whatever you do dont change your mind. I also made it clear that I believed Scott would save at least one.

The players were composed and focused and took their penalties well and after Scott managed to make a great save it was left to our captain Matt Tod Smith to win the famous old trophy and he calmly rolled his kick down the middle to cue some crazy celebrations that lasted a couple of days! A truly memorable day for all of our supporters and of course club owner Slava Meyn who has

done everything in his power to bring the good times back to this wonderful club. To say I'm proud of this group of staff and players would be an understatement. Each and every day they give everything and I'm very thankful to be in this position alongside them.

On to the National league which saw us travel up to Eastern Suburbs who were unbeaten during their Northern league campaign. It was a very tough fixture first up but the players put in an almighty effort which saw us come away 1-0 winners after Eddie Wilkinsons amazing effort which should win goal of the week. A shout to our gk Scott Morris for his excellent assist for the goal also.

Today we welcome the Wellington Phoenix This young Phoenix team was very good last week against Auckland city only going down 1-0 to a set piece goal. They looked very well organised and played an exciting brand of attacking possession based football which is no surprise given they are under the tutelage of a very good friend of mine Chris Greenacre who is doing a fantastic job.

Today will be another tough test so please get behind the players as you always do.

Paul Ifill, Men's First Team Coach

PHOTO GALLERY

COURTESY OF JIM WATTS



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Chatham Cup Final
Melville United vs Christchurch United

Jim Watts
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CAPTAIN'S COMMENTS

Hello and welcome to our first National League home game of the year.

It's been a very busy few weeks for us that has seen us pick up 3 trophies since our last home game. The Southern League and English Cup victories were fantastic moments for the club, trumped only by our dramatic Chatham Cup win.

Being successful on three fronts and in at times very strenuous circumstances is testament to the quality and resilience we have in this squad. Winning a National tournament has also helped us believe that we can become one of the best club sides in New Zealand.

As the excitement of the last month or so has died down, we have now turned our attention

back to playing as we look to kick on into the National League. Last week we got off to a great start against Eastern Suburbs but know we will need to bring our best again today to get another positive result.

We host the Wellington Phoenix Reserves today, a side we know are full of talent and who play a great style of football. We will have to put on a good showing today to match them and it should make for a great watch.

Thanks for all your support!

Matt Tod-Smith
Men's First Team Captain

NATIONAL LEAGUE ROUND 02 FIXTURES



HOME FIXTURE



SATURDAY 30 SEPTEMBER
12.30PM, UNITED SPORTS CENTRE

REST OF LEAGUE FIXTURES



SAT 30 OCT, SEPTEMBER
1.00PM, MARTIN LUCKIE PARK



SAT 30 OCT, SEPTEMBER
6.00PM, KEITH HAY PARK



SAT 30 OCT, SEPTEMBER
2.30PM, PETONE MEMORIAL



SUNDAY 1 OCTOBER
3.00PM, KIWITEA STREET

NATIONAL LEAGUE

ROUND 01 REVIEW



FIRST TEAM RESULT

REST OF LEAGUE RESULTS



0 - 1



0 - 1



PHOENIX RESERVES VS AUCKLAND CITY



2 - 5



MANUREWA AFC VS WELLINGTON OLYMPIC



3 - 0



NAPIER CITY ROVERS VS PETONE FC



1 - 2



CASHMERE TECHNICAL VS AUCKLAND UNITED

LEAGUE TABLE

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
Wellington Olympic	1	1	0	0	5	2	3	3
Napier City Rovers	1	1	0	0	3	0	3	3
Auckland United	1	1	0	0	2	1	1	3
Auckland City	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	3
Christchurch United	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	3
Cashmere Technical	1	0	0	1	1	2	-1	0
Eastern Suburbs	1	0	0	1	0	1	-1	0
Phoenix Reserves	1	0	0	1	0	1	-1	0
Manurewa	1	0	0	1	2	5	-3	0
Petone	1	0	0	1	0	3	-3	0

CHRISTCHURCH UNITED

2023 MEN'S FIRST TEAM



1 SCOTT MORRIS



3 NICHOLAS MURPHY



4 SAM PETERSON



5 RILEY GROVER



6 AARON O'DRISCOLL



7 HARIS ZEB



8 PAUL IFILL



9 DANIEL MACLENNAN



10 EOGHAN STOKES



11 SAM PHILIP



12 MASON STEARN



13 FREWEN WATTS

ABSENT FROM MEDIA DAY 2. ABDUL KHALIFA 27. HADLEY WIREMU

CHRISTCHURCH UNITED NATIONAL LEAGUE SQUAD



15 EDDIE
WILKINSON



16 CAMERON
LINDSAY



17 JOEL
PETERSON



18 THOMAS
CHAO



19 HUGO
DEBENHAM



20 DANIEL
MEYN



21 LOUIS
KING



22 MATTHEW
TOD-SMITH



23 BENJI
LAPSLIE



24 JAGO
GODDEN



25 LUCA
MOLNAR



26 SORASIT MAC
PRATHUMHITAK

GUESS THE LINEUP COMPETITION



Round 09

CHRISTCHURCH UNITED VS MELVILLE UNITED

STARTING XI

9. MACLENNAN

10. STOKES

24. GODDEN

25. KHALIFA

6. O'DRISCOLL

5. GROVER

1. MORRIS

SUBS: 2. KING 3. PRATHUMPHITAK 13. WATTS 17. PETERSON 20. MEYN

SOUTHERN LEAGUE

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Do you know who is missing from our starting XI in our Chatham Cup Final win against opponents Melville United?

Answer on the chants page

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PLAYER PROFILE

MAC PRATHUMPHITHAK

PLAYER BIO

Nickname	Mini Mac
Age	17 Years
Place of Birth	Christchurch, NZ
Playing Position	Left Wing / Right Back
Right / Left Footed	Right
Previous Clubs	FC
Honours / Trophies	

DID YOU KNOW?

My favourite pro club is: Liverpool FC

If I wasn't a footballer I would be: Muay Thai

The country I haven't been but want to visit: Spain

The item on top of my bucket list is: A bucket of 50 KFC Wicked Wings

Most underrated TV show is: True Story

My favourite TV show character is: Johnny English

My favourite video game is: FIFA 14

Favourite place to dine out is: KFC

Favourite day of the week is: Friday

I was starstruck when I met: Benji Lapslie

I've been told I look like: Bruce Wang

Q&A SESSION

Q: What's your best footballing memory and why?

A: Western springs U13 Christchurch United vs Bucklands Beach. We played good against the best team in NZ at the time.

Best advice you have ever been given?

A: Be happy.

Q: What do your coaches often tell you?

A: Run in behind.

Q: What advice would give you any young players playing your position?

A: Be yourself.

Q: What is your pre-match routine? Do you have any lucky charms / superstitions?

A: A can of musashi energy drink (green).

Q: What are your goals and ambitions for the season?

A: Win everything possible.

Q: How would you describe yourself as a player?

A: Annoying.

Q: Which team do you most look forward to playing?

A: FC Twenty 11

Q: Toughest individual player you've played against and why?

A: Jason, he's too silky on the ball.

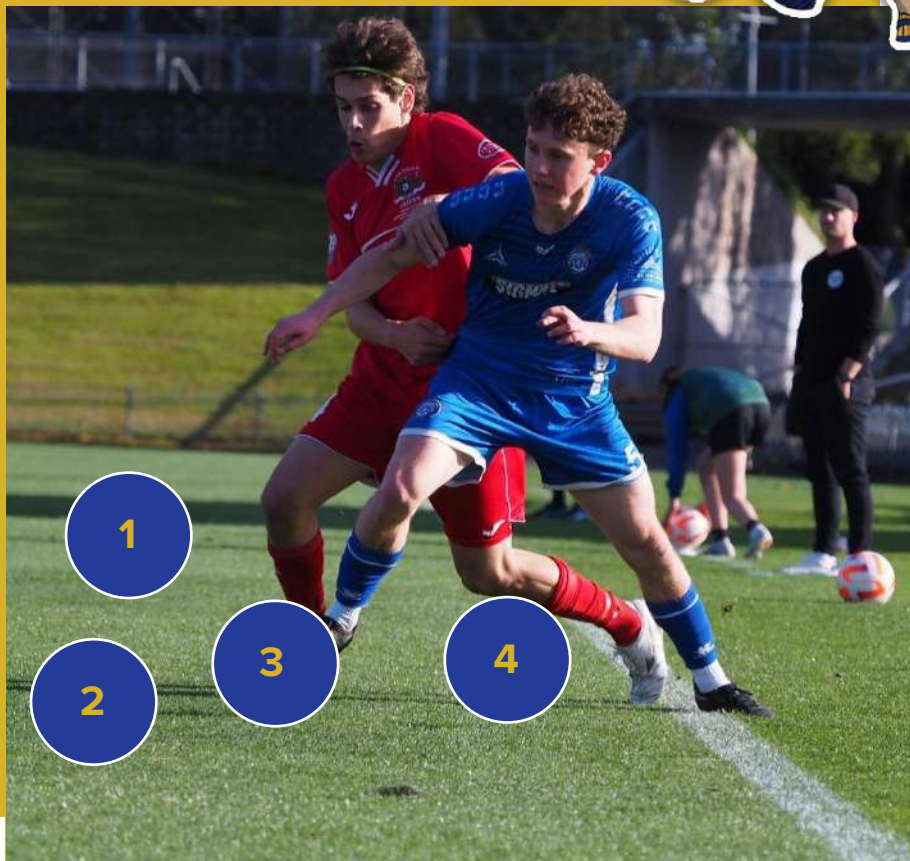
Q: What non-football accomplishment are you most proud of?

A: Beating a first 15 in a run it straight.

Q: If you could go to dinner with any 3 people (past or present), who would it be?

A: Benji Lapslie, Jon Jones, Messi.

SPOT THE BALL COMPETITION



**Do you know where in the photo the ball is?
1, 2, 3 or 4?**

Answer on the chants page

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CHRISTCHURCH UNITED CHANTS



“THERE’S ONLY ONE DANIEL MACLENNAN, GOOD LUCK TO THOSE TRYING TO TACKLE HIM!”

**“PHILIP, PHILIP HE CAN SCORE FROM ANYWHERE,
PHILIP, PHILIP!”**

**“WE HAVE THE KING, THE KING IS HERE
— LOUIS, LOUIS IS OUR KING!”**

**“LINDSAY.. GIVE US A WAVE...
LINDSAY, LINDSAY GIVE US A WAVE”**

**“STAND UP IF STOKES SCORES,
STAND UP IF STOKES SCORES”**

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Guess the Squad Answers:

1: #11 Sam Phillip, 2: #24 Jago Godden,
3: #23 Benji Lapslie, 4: #16 Cameron Lindsay

Spot the Ball Answer: Number 3



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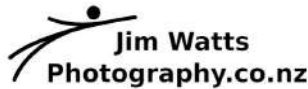
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