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Current league table...

Team	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
Eastern Suburbs	5	4	0	1	3	12
Auckland City FC	6	3	1	2	7	10
Canterbury United Dragons	5	2	3	0	5	9
Team Wellington	5	3	0	2	2	9
Hawkes Bay United	5	2	1	2	1	7
Wellington Phoenix U-20	5	2	1	2	-2	7
Waitakere United	6	2	1	3	-2	7
Hamilton Wanderers	5	2	0	3	-1	6
Tasman United	5	1	2	2	-5	5
Southern United FC	5	0	1	4	-8	1

Upcoming draw...

4 Dec 2016 – Tasman United v Eastern Suburbs, Bill McKinlay Park, 2pm

11 Dec 2016 – Tasman United v Team Wellington, Trafalgar Park, 2pm

18 Dec 2016 – Tasman United v Southern United, Peter Johnstone Park, 1pm

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Chairman's report...



A warm welcome to visiting coach Chris Milicich and the Waitakere team to Trafalgar Park today. Waitakere are a traditional powerhouse club at this level, and we are very excited to be hosting them today. The team are buzzing after collecting their first win last week in a dramatic game against Hamilton Wanderers. I am glad the team is at home as trying to follow the game on Twitter when there are three goals in the last five minutes is heart stopping stuff. Fantastic that the electric Esmal Hajdari is scoring goals and local lad Alex Ridsdale is continuing his good form.

There was a big crowd of over 2500 here against Hawkes Bay and although we didn't get the result, it was great the team could show their talents in front of passionate fans. The team train four times a week, a tremendous commitment from the players so it is great to see the level of support from the community to acknowledge that. Waitakere United draw on the Western and Northern suburbs of Auckland and are five time winners of the premiership and 2 time Oceania Champions, and under the guidance of the very experienced Milicich, the match will be another strong test for our new franchise. A special fixture for myself personally as Waitakere is my old club from the 90s and I have fond memories of Fred Taylor Park and the people behind the club.

Within their squad a player to watch is All White Jake Butler, having played in over 200 games and representing the club seven times at Oceania level, he is a rock of a player that Tasman will need to get around.

This game day is brought to you by local business Davis Ogilvie, who specialise in all aspects of residential land development. Tony Lindbom and his team have a great business and are great contributors to the region assisting not only Tasman United, but also the Nelson School of Music and Natureland Zoo. Nelson Pine LVL are our naming rights sponsor, Bayley's and Sprig and Fern are major sponsors, as well as Football World who supply our apparel and sponsor. Plus 4, NZME and Absolute Energy are commercial partners, and our player sponsors you will see in the programme and billboards on the ground.

Stu Reid has also done an excellent job promoting our **Foundation Members**. The idea was to get the community involved for \$100 or \$200, who would then be forever legacy members of the club. To date we have 71 individuals and 37 businesses. We are thrilled to have so much support, so please contact stu@tasman.nz if you would like to find out more.

Enjoy the game and may the best team win.

Mark Sheehan, Chairman

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Coach's comments...



It is with great pleasure I welcome you, and all the staff and players from Waitakere United to Trafalgar Park for this afternoon's game. The last time we were here two weeks ago we became the talk of NZ Football. That was solely down to you. Myself and the players were astounded and humbled by your fantastic support both in terms of sheer numbers and the atmosphere you generated. There won't be another club in the league who will rival the support you gave us that day, and I encourage you to go one better today in helping us in securing our first home win of the season this afternoon.

Whilst that first home appearance didn't end in the manner with which we were aiming for, the performance we gave was one that undoubtedly entertained and left us believing that we can make a significant impact in this league. Even though the performance went unrewarded, the positives we were able to take from the game helped us in achieving that milestone first victory last weekend against another new franchise to the league, Hamilton Wanderers. Whilst attaining that first win was obviously very satisfying, it was two other aspects that pleased me more.

The first was the first start for Tinashe Marowa, who reaped the rewards for the hard work and dedication he has applied to training by not only scoring his first goal, but also in putting on a display that belied his years. Tinashe has shown that all young players at this club will have an opportunity to progress, and that there is a pathway to the first team from the youth team. There is a lot of potential in our youth team and I am excited to see which of our younger players will follow in Tinashe's footsteps and commit the necessary effort to progress and make an impact at first team level next.

The other salient detail from last week's encounter was the first league goal for Ermal Hajdari. Ermal has had to carry the expectation of being our main goal threat this season, and with each passing week without a goal that burden begins to weigh heavy. So I was personally delighted for him to finally get off the mark. Now I'm sure he will play more freely and his true potential will come to the fore.

Today's game against Waitakere United provides us with another milestone opportunity; to right the wrongs from our previous home game and achieve our first home victory. In doing so we will also be achieving the club's first back-to-back victories. Whilst such a thing may seem trivial, it contributes towards the team demonstrating that it can be a competitive franchise in the Stirling Sports Premiership.

In Waitakere we have an opponent who are historically one of the league's elite. Whilst last season they may not have hit the expected heights of previous seasons, the appointment of Chris Milicich steadied the club and they will be battling hard to reach the top four this season. More immediately though, they will be seeking to get back to winning ways following two defeats in their previous two games in spite of the performances they gave. As we demonstrated last week, there can be nothing more dangerous than a team seeking to ensure their performance gets the rewards it deserves.

I hope you enjoy today's game. Regards, Richard Anderson (Head Coach)

Player profile... Scott Gannon

Nelson Mail Reporter Phillip Rollo had a chat with Scott Gannon.



Tasman United got their first win of the Stirling Sports Premiership season on Sunday, beating Hamilton Wanderers 3-2. How thrilled was the team to finally break the duck? It was fantastic for the team to get our first win, not only for the season, but as a franchise. A lot of people have worked hard behind the scenes to make this all happen and it was great to repay them with three points and a good team performance.

Tasman seems to be taking steps forward in each game, but how much will the first win boost the team's confidence after a frustrating result against Hawke's Bay United the week prior? As a group we know what we can produce and what we're capable of doing week in and week out, I don't think we have been given enough credit or respect for some of our performances and periods of dominance, but of course it's great to start the week with a win under our belts and a launchpad for future success.

You have played for Hawke's Bay and Southern United in the premiership before. How does your latest stint, this time with Tasman, compare with the previous two? I enjoyed my time with both Hawke's Bay and Southern United but here in Nelson with Tasman it's a little bit special and great to be a part of the first season for the franchise. It's definitely a football town and the buzz around the place is sensational.

From what you have seen so far, who do you predict will be the team to beat this season and why? It's always Auckland City but aside from them I think Eastern Suburbs and Team Wellington will be there or thereabouts. The rest don't bother me too much.

How have you settled in to Nelson and what do you get up to away from the football field? Nelson has been brilliant so far and I'm really enjoying it. Outside of sweating it out at the Jubilee Arena I can be found enjoying a Raglan Roast coffee or Sprig and Fern pint with Cameron "the mute" Lindsay.

You played against many future Socceroos when represented Australia at under-17 level. Who would you say was the best player you played with and why? Best player for me would be Robbie Kruse, he was my roommate when on tour and a great guy. But he's really pushed on and made a fantastic career for himself.

Do you have any particularly pre-game routines and how do you spend the hours leading up to a game? Pre-game coffee and baked beans for me, a few tunes but I also enjoy being a general change room banter specialist.

The team hosts Waitakere United at Trafalgar Park this Sunday, how important is it to back up the first victory with another good result in front of the home crowd? It's vital that we perform well in front of our home fans and collect another three points. The monkey is off the back now and I feel we can really build on the first win and get on a bit of a run heading into the festive season. Look forward to seeing another bumper crowd on Sunday.

Position: Central midfield/Right back
Hometown: Adelaide, South Australia
Instagram: No time for Instagram

Occupation: Football/General Gym Manager
Date of Birth: 12 March, 1988
Previous Club: Adelaide Victory FC



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About our visitors...

Formed in 2004, **Waitakere United** represents 12 member clubs from Mt Albert to the Kaipara. In the inaugural season (2004-05) of the NZFC, Waitakere United finished runners-up to champions Auckland City, but they followed up with a very disappointing 6th place in the next season. In the following season however, Waitakere finished as NZFC premiers but lost in the grant final once again to Auckland City 3 - 2.

Waitakere United have a proud history of success, and in their first 12 years they won 5 Championships, 5 Premierships, 2 OFC Champions Leagues, 2 National Youth Leagues, 1 Phoenix Challenge and 1 Charity Cup.

We welcome Waitakere United to Trafalgar Park today for the first time, and wish both teams the best of luck.



Guest support club...



FC Nelson would like to wish Tasman United all the best for today's game and indeed, for the rest of the season. Our club are proud to show our continued and ongoing support to this exciting team as we take on Waitakere United.

FC Nelson is one of the largest sporting clubs at the top of the South, across all codes. Our home ground is Neale Park, in the Nelson City area. We are proud of our reputation as an inclusive, family friendly club and despite our size, we are familiar with all of our players, across all levels of ability. We have approximately 28 junior teams catering for boys and girls ages 4 through to U19 and 7 senior teams competing in the winter league football across Nelson Bay's (Women's, Men's and Masters).

FC Nelson runs a very successful and enjoyable holiday program, skill centre (Junior's) and summer football program, headed up by our Director of Football, Andy Morris. We welcome players across all skill levels and provide suitable team environments for all ranges of ability.

We are proud to say that over 50% of junior representative players from the Nelson Bays area have come from within the ranks of FC Nelson in 2016. We look forward to seeing many of these players follow on to selection for Tasman United Youth and senior teams, in the future. Our club relies heavily on volunteers to manage the huge workload that comes with a club of this size and we would encourage parents to become involved in any aspect of the club they feel they can offer support. For further information regarding our club or queries around the upcoming 2017 season, please email info@fcnelson.co.nz or visit our website www.fcnelson.co.nz. C'mon you hoops!



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| 8. Paul Ifill | |
| 9. Ermal Hajdari | Brockie Renovations |
| 10. Dylan Burns | Football World |
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| 12. Robbie Pearson | Dutch Rusk |
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| 18. David Maisey | |
| 19. Tinashe Marowa | |
| 20. Thomas Fawdry | |
| 21. Matt Tod-Smith | |
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| 23. Nicolas Abot | |

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- Jake Porter
- Liam Anderson

Coach: Chris Milicich
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