



# Today's Line-ups

## Cambridge FC

Red & white stripes,  
red shorts, red socks

## Mt Albert–Ponsonby

Royal blue and gold shirts,  
royal blue and gold shorts, blue socks

GK Cale Villiger  
 GK Derek Woodworth  
 2 Dave Fisher  
 3 Jamie Coomber  
 4 Nathan Claridge  
 5 Steve Lee  
 6 Simon Mead  
 7 Marc Thomas  
 8 Dan Podjursky  
 9 Denny Commins  
 10 Trent Frampton  
 11 Wilfried Weber  
 12 Andrew Taylor  
 13 Malcolm Matthews  
 14 Lee McNally  
 15 Peter Loyd  
 16 Scott Parsonage  
 17 Craig Hedges  
 18 Jevon Williams  
 19 Harry Redwood  
 20 Daniel Reason  
 Coach: Marc Thomas  
 Manager: Josh Easby

GK Matt Johnston  
 2 Tim Brown  
 3 Andy Barker  
 4 Ned Chappell  
 5 Shane Malone  
 6 James Colligan  
 7 Craig Taylor  
 8 Nick Sneddon  
 9 Chris Gage  
 10 Heath Rainey  
 11 Leo Berlim  
 12 Mike Loftus  
 13 Dean Delaney  
 14 Ben McCafferty  
 15 Elliot Dye  
 16. Jon Mc Grinder  
 17 Jared Colligan  
 Coach: Mike Loftus  
 Assistant: Nick Sneddon  
 Assistant: Chris Gage  
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FIRST TEAM ACTION: Cambridge midfielder Lee McNally in action against Pukekohe at John Kerkhof Park last season. Photo: Grant Stantiall.

# MATCH PROGRAMME

## Cambridge FC

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## Mt Albert–Ponsonby

John Kerkhof Park, Vogel St, Cambridge

Lotto Northern Region Football League Division 2  
2.45 pm, Saturday April 2, 2011



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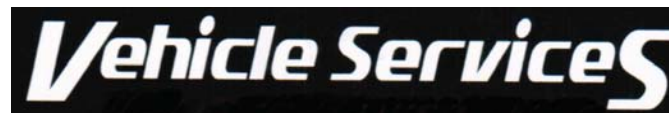
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## Our opponents

Today's opponents, Mt Albert-Ponsonby, have played at the highest levels of club football in New Zealand, having briefly featured in the first national league in 1972 under the name Auckland City.

The club now plays in the Northern League Division Two, having been relegated from the Premier Division in 2008 and then dropping into the newly-formed second division last season.

The club has excellent facilities at Anderson Park where crowds of up to 400 can be catered for, especially with powerful floodlights that enable the club to play some fixtures on Friday nights.

The club's new coach this season is former New Zealand Under 23 international Mike Loftus who replaced Jason Thompson.

Loftus has drafted in new signings Leo Berlim (from Western Springs) and Dean Delaney (from Papakura City).

Loftus will be assisted in the dug out by two veteran players in Nick Snedden, who made almost 140 first



team appearances, and Chris Gage who is the club's leading all-time goalscorer.

Mt Albert-Ponsonby was formed in 1971 after the merger of two of Auckland's oldest clubs. Ponsonby AFC had been formed in 1904 and Mt Albert was formed in 1931.

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## Our goals



Steve Thomas is the chairman of Cambridge Football Club and is passionate about the club and its place in the community. Here he explains the club's goals . . .

**Cambridge Football Club is one of the Waikato's fastest-growing sports clubs with more than 600 players, plus hundreds more who support and follow the club.**

We estimate every tenth home in Cambridge (population 14,000) has at least one family member with a connection to the club. That's why we're so committed to ensuring our club represents the Cambridge community in a manner that befits the town — a town that proudly claims to be the Home Of Champions.

The rapid growth of our club means we have to be clear about our priorities in our planning.

Since the end of last season, a strategy team has developed a five-year plan which was given unanimous support at our Annual General Meeting in November.

Our plan places much importance on the way we help our young players get the most from their game, and to retain them as senior club players.

The plan says we should focus on four goals:

- ① Nurture and retain our young players with a football and self-development pathway that is considered the best in the sport.
- ② Enable all our players to play at the highest level to match their desire and ability.
- ③ Provide self-funding social and football facilities that our members consider the best in Waikato football.
- ④ Realise our goals through prudent financial management of our club.

Our club has a reputation for providing an environment that encourages social activity and friendship among its teams — we're seen by many in the football community as a 'social club'.

While we are pleased to have such a reputation, it's important we also build strong senior teams for our young players to aspire to.

Enjoy your 2011 season!



## First team



**CAMBRIDGE FC's first team (pre-season squad):** Back row (from left): Craig Hedges, Daniel Reason, Wilf Weber, Ryan McNamara, Peter Loyd, Lee McNally, Steve Lee. Front (from left): Marc Thomas, Dean Jardine, Cale Villiger, Dave Fisher, Stuart Jones, Trent Frampton, Jamie Coomber, Scott Parsonage, Josh Clark.

### **Cale Villiger** **Goalkeeper, 18**

An agile shot-stopper, Viliger joined Cambridge at the end of the 2010 season when he represented our club at the national U19 championships in Napier.

### **Derek Woodworth** **Goalkeeper, 30**

After a lengthy spell at Whakatane Town, the experienced Woodworth has signed with Cambridge in time for the 2011 campaign, and ready to share his experience with the club's up and coming goalkeepers.

### **Andrew Taylor** **Wing back, 23**

Signed from Matamata Swifts at the start of the 2011 season, speedster Taylor was unlucky to suffer a bad knee injury in pre-season, but plans to recover in time for the latter stages of the season.

### **Jamie Coomber** **Wing back, 32**

Left-sided Coomber stepped into the Cambridge side for the latter half of the 2010 season, helping the team avoid relegation.

### **Nathan Claridge** **Utility, 19**

After developing through the club's youth teams, and captaining last season's U19s, Claridge has become



## Our history

**Cambridge Football Club has been serving its community for more than 60 years. The club was formed in 1948 with two junior teams but held its first official meeting on March 20, 1951.**

The first Club Patron was R.S. Entwistle. The first President was Viv Butler.

**1957** — All games were played on the Town Square until 1957 when a two room wooden shed was erected on the Leamington Domain for £134.19.

Cambridge adopted the now familiar red and white club colours instead of the local Cambridge blue as Vic Butler was an Arsenal supporter. Vic became our first Life Member three years later.

**1964** — On December 1, the Cambridge Borough Council agreed to provide land on the town belt in Vogel Street for the club and plans were then drawn up for the clubrooms to be built.

**1967** — The club moved to the new grounds.

**1972** — The clubrooms were debt free and the club applied for its senior team to join the Northern League competition.

**1974** — Extensions to the clubrooms and playing fields became

necessary and two years later the extensions were built and new junior grounds established from the Polo Club area.

**1978** — The club elected its first women committee member.

**1983** — Junior teams (11,12 and 13 year olds) entered the Waikato competitions for the first time.

**1984** — Our senior men's team won the Northern League 4th Division.

**1985** — The clubrooms were connected to the town sewerage system.

**1993** — Our senior men's team won the Northern League 2nd Division.

**1995** — Car park concreted.

**2005** — Club acquired use of the old polo fields next door as new Junior Grounds.

**2007** — Old Polo Clubhouse knocked down to make way for new junior building.

**2007** — Cambridge junior teams win all five 8th-Open grade WJSA knockout trophies, a first for both Cambridge and the WJSA.

**2009** — The clubrooms survived a tornado!

**2010** — The club launched a five-year plan for its membership which has now grown to more than 600 players and many supporters.



# Club round-up

## New membership scheme

**This year we are introducing a new membership system which recognises those who support the club but who don't play.**

We're introducing a Non-Playing Membership, for \$20 a year, that will give people a number of benefits including discounted bar prices, automatic entry into club spot prize draws and voting rights at our AGM.

We feel it's timely to include Non-Playing Members in our plans for the club and we'll be on a membership drive at both our senior and junior clubrooms to sign people up!

Non-Playing Members and registered players will be given numbered membership cards as soon as they have paid their subscription fees.

The cards will be needed to claim discounted bar prices and to win prizes in regular clubhouse draws.

Our club depends heavily on subscription fees which remain among the lowest for clubs in our region.

We have held fees despite pressure on our costs.

If you need more information about the membership card system, or want to sign up friends to the club, see any member of the club's committee.



### Junior club shop

Visit our shop to buy pre-loved boots and gear, order club jackets or simply to tuck into some decent grub!

#### Menu

Sausage	\$2	Hot chips	\$3
Powerade	\$3.50	Water	\$2
Ribena	\$2	Choc fish	\$1
Choc bar	\$2	Lollipops	\$0.20



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a player capable of turning out in any number of positions and roles. Voted last season's Young Player of the Year.

### Steve Lee Defender, 35

Having joined Cambridge after a spell in Queenstown, Lee became a first team regular in 2010, using his height and experience to full advantage.

### Simon Mead Defender, 26

After making his Northern League debut at 15, Mead left Cambridge to pursue a full-time career in football. He has since coached in the UK, Canada and Brazil, and now works for the Waikato and Bay of Plenty Federation as a development officer.

### Marc Thomas Midfielder/forward, 36

As the club's head coach, the experienced Thomas has overall control of the first team and the Federation 2 side. He's the head of football at St Peter's College, and the co-coach of the Waikato U20 side.

### Dan Podjursky Forward, 18

Made his debut for the first team last season, coming off the bench in a number of games. That experience and his speed will be invaluable

this season as he tries to establish himself as a regular at top level.

### Denny Commins Forward, 28

A newcomer to Cambridge, this strong Irishman comes to the club via spells at Rockdale (NSW Premier League) and Wembley FC, a Combined Counties side in the UK.

### Trent Frampton Forward, 25

Having played for Cambridge's top side since his teens, Frampton was enjoying a spell of social football till midseason last year, when he was recalled to help stave off relegation. A natural finisher.

### Wilfried Weber Utility, 20

Fit and quick, Weber broke into the first team last season, playing mostly in midfield but demonstrating he's comfortable in most roles.

### Malcolm Matthews Wing back, 21

Joined the club last season and overcame niggling hamstring problems to develop into a useful right-sided player. His long throw caused many a problem for rivals.

### Dave Fisher Defender, 22

Able to play on either side of the defence, and in a central role if

required, Fisher was a hard-working member of last year's squad, who never stopped trying, no matter how tough the game.

**Lee McNally  
Midfielder, 40**

The veteran of this squad, McNally's experience and on-field leadership was critical in helping last season's young squad avoid relegation. This year, he's hoping to lose his starting spot to the up and coming youngsters in the side.

**Peter Loyd  
Midfielder, 18**

Broke into the first team last season, and scored a memorable winner against Hibiscus Coast. A technically gifted player, he's still learning the game and has much potential.

**Craig Hedges  
Midfielder, 17**

A recent arrival from the UK, where he played for Hawkwell Athletic, this hardworking youngster has performed well in pre-season and will press for a regular first team spot.

**Scott Parsonage  
Midfielder, 26**

The workhorse of Cambridge's midfield, Parsonage led by example last season with his non-stop running and organisation in the middle. A Level 2 qualified coach,

he's also coaching the club's U15s in the new Waikato Youth League.

**Jevon Williams  
Forward, 15**

A student at St Peter's College, Williams uses his height and speed to full advantage, and is aiming to break into the first team this season.

**Harry Redwood  
Midfield, 16**

A student at St Peter's College, Redwood is pacy and willing to run at defenders.

**Daniel Reason  
Forward, 17**

Another of the skillful youngsters who have joined the club via first team football at St Peter's College.

**Josh Easby  
First team manager**

Joined Cambridge at the start of last season after more than 40 years in football, in the UK and New Zealand. Formerly a director at English pro club York City.

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**Northern League Div 2**

**Cambridge v North Shore Utd**

Saturday April 16  
2.45pm, John Kerkhof Park  
Vogel St, Cambridge



# Northern League

Date	Competition	Opponents	Venue	Result
Apr 2	Div 2 Round 1	Mt Albert Ponsonby	Home	
Apr 9	Div 2 Round 2	Warkworth	Away	
Apr 16	Div 2 Round 3	North Shore United	Home	
Apr 23	Div 2 Round 4	Mangere Utd	Away	
Apr 25	Div 2 Round 5	Papakura City	Away	
Apr 30	Div 2 Round 6	Waiuku	Home	
May 7	Div 2 Round 7	Fencibles United	Away	
May 14	Chatham Cup	To be drawn		
May 21	Div 2 Round 8	Hibiscus Coast	Home	
May 28	Div 2 Round 9	Ngaruawahia AFC	Away	
Jun 4	Div 2 Round 10	Tauranga City United	Home	
Jun 11	Div 2 Round 11	Western Springs	Away	
Jun 18	Div 2 Round 12	Mt Albert Ponsonby	Away	
Jun 25	Div 2 Round 13	Warkworth	Home	
Jul 3	Div 2 Round 14	North Shore United	Away	
Jul 9	Div 2 Round 15	Mangere United	Home	
Jul 16	Div 2 Round 16	Papakura City	Home	
Jul 23	Div 2 Round 17	Waiuku	Away	
Jul 30	Div 2 Round 18	Fencibles United	Home	
Aug 6	Div 2 Round 19	Hibiscus Coast	Away	
Aug 13	Div 2 Round 20	Ngaruawahia AFC	Home	
Aug 20	Div 2 Round 21	Tauranga City United	Away	
Aug 27	Div 2 Round 22	Western Springs	Home	

\* Please note: The round 14 game at North Shore United will be played on a Sunday. Rounds 4 and 5 are played over Easter Weekend.





# Northern League

**After a nail-biting finish to last season, our first team goes into this season's Northern League with renewed spirit and a few new faces.**

Marc Thomas takes over as Head Coach, overseeing both the first team and the youth-based Federation 2 side. His appointment in the role follows the unfortunate departure of coach Stu Dunbar who resigned in pre-season due to pressures of work (he was part of the police contingent despatched to Christchurch after the earthquake).

Thomas will work closely with senior players Lee McNally and Scott Parsonage, helping them develop as the leaders of the first team squad.

Into the squad come newcomers Denny Commins (from Ireland via Australia), Craig Hedges (UK), Andrew Taylor (Matamata) and goalkeepers Cale Villiger (Melville United) and Derek Woodworth (Whakatane Town).

We should not, of course, forget that last season's commitment to bringing young players into the first team will pay dividends this time round.

Our objective last season was to keep our place in the prestigious regional league, and to develop

at least eight players capable of becoming core first teamers of the future.

Both objectives were achieved, even though the former was managed by the slimmest of margins. Our club's fate was not decided until the last game of the season when we needed at least a draw against relegation rivals Pukekohe.

Down to 10 men, and trailing 2-1,

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### **This weekend's Northern League Division Two fixtures:**

- Waiuku v Tauranga City United
- Papakura City v Western Springs
- Fencibles United v Ngaruawahia
- Hibiscus Coast v Mangere United
- North Shore Utd v Warkworth

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our boys threw everything forward in one last effort. With four minutes of added time played, goalkeeper Ryan McNamara went forward for a corner and scored the all-important goal with a volley into the net.

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# First team news

## Firsts end pre-season on high

**A bad run of injuries and a sudden change of coach disrupted Cambridge's first team schedule this year.**

The pre-season build-up started promisingly enough, with a 2-2 draw against Claudelands Rovers who went so close last season to winning promotion to the Northern League.

However plans went awry with poor performances against Federation 2 side Otorohanga and St Peter's College, both of whom put half a dozen goals past Cambridge. These losses came at the same time as Stu Dunbar's resignation as coach, when he was required to go to Christchurch in his work with the Hamilton police.

Confidence started to return to Cambridge, however, when a reduced squad finished runner-up in the Cambridge Sevens tournament, with wins against Hamilton Wanderers U17s, Opotiki and Kawerau Town.

The team's final pre-season game brought a comfortable 4-1 win at John Kerkhof Park against Federation 2 outfit West Hamilton United.

Cambridge conceded a soft goal

from a free kick in the second minute but levelled five minutes later through a 30-metre rocket from teenage midfielder Craig Hedges.

Further goals from Trent Frampton and Wilf Weber gave Cambridge a 3-1 lead at the break. In the second spell, coach Marc Thomas used his subs well to dominate possession and midfielder Peter Loyd finished the scoring with a long-range effort that squeezed inside the post.

So after a difficult few weeks, the Cambridge side is at least going into the new Northern League season with a win and a few goals to show for their efforts.

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# Cambridge 7's

**Whakatane Town have emerged as the region's seven-a-side specialists with victories at both the Men's and Women's Cambridge Sevens Tournaments.**

The Cambridge Football Club hosted their inaugural sevens tournaments on March 12 and 19, using them as pilot competitions to gauge response to the short-form game. Games were played on three-quarter sized pitches and with no offsides.

The sevens tournaments replaced the traditional Cambridge pre-season tournament (for 11-a-side teams) after feedback from clubs that they preferred one-day competitions.

Werner Rechsteiner's Whakatane Town side romped through the men's tournament without conceding a goal to take the \$800 first prize. Town beat Cambridge's first team 4-0 in the final.

Beaten semi-finalists, who also earned \$200 prizemoney, were Cambridge B and Hamilton

Wanderers' Under 17s. Surprise package of the B's was Ryan McNamara who discarded his goalkeeping gloves for a spell outfield, and notched seven goals during the tournament.

Thirteen sides took part in the men's tournament, giving players plenty of opportunity to raise their fitness levels ahead of the season proper.

A week later, Whakatane Town returned to John Kerkhof Park for the Women's Competition and took away the \$800 first prize, beating Melville United in the final.

Beaten semi finalists were Cambridge A and Takapuna. The club is now gathering feedback from participating clubs so the tournament can be refined and planned for next pre-season.

The club would like to extend its thanks to a couple of people who helped make both tournaments successful.

Referee John Anderson controlled



*Cambridge's Maria Anderton (right) takes on a Melville United defender during the tournament at John Kerkhof Park. Photo: Katrina Beetz.*

seven games in the sweltering heat at the men's tournament, a sterling effort, as well winning a \$20 bar tab with his entry to the Soccer Skills Challenge conducted over both days of the Sevens.

For the women's tournament, the Waipa District Council's events

co-ordinator, Benjamin Hemi, acted as the tournament MC, keeping all participating teams informed and full entertained with a non-stop stream of music. The club hopes to work closely with the council to attract more visitors to the district for next year's event.

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