



Today's Line-ups

Cambridge FC

Red & white stripes,
red shorts, red socks

GK Cale Villiger
 13 Dave Fisher
 3 Jamie Coomber
 4 Harry Gifford
 6 Dave Cracknell
 17 Steve Lee
 19 Simon Mead
 8 Ed Kettle
 10 Denny Commins
 7 Trent Frampton
 5 Wilfried Weber
 12 Andrew Taylor
 11 Malcolm Matthews
 9 Peter Loyd
 15 Scott Parsonage (c)
 16 Joe Gifford
 RGK Matty Aberhart
 Coach: Lee McNally
 Manager: Josh Easby

Manukau City

Black and white stripes
White shorts, white socks

25 Sergio Bustos (goalkeeper)
 2 Tama Fasvalu
 3 Hone Fowler
 4 Kwesi Dadzie
 5 Regan Peverly
 7 Camilo Espinoza
 8 Rhys Ruka
 9 Scott Yearbury
 10 Michael Day
 11 Joshua Heremaia
 12 James Kingham
 13 Elliot Stead
 14 Eder Franchini
 15 Ricardo Espinoza (player coach)
 16 Krishneel Krishna
 17 Imraz Shah
 18 Duran Naidoo
 RGK Ingo Schreck
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FIRST TEAM ACTION: *Cambridge skipper Scott Parsonage and defender Dave Fisher break down a Papakura City attack. Photograph: Victor Alexeyev.*

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Our opponents

Manukau City AFC secured their spot in the Lotto NRFL Challenger Series by winning a champion-of-champion series against Tauranga's Old Blues and Waitemata City from West Auckland.

As winners of the Auckland Football Federation championship, Manukau took on their fellow title holders from Waikato/Bay of Plenty and the Northern Football Federation.

Against Old Blues two weeks ago, Manukau held out against a strong first half wind to then score two goals in seven minutes to seal the victory at Waipuna Park.

Midfielder Michael Day struck a long range effort after 60 minutes before Scott Yearbury doubled the lead.

Three nights later, on a floodlit Andersen Park in Auckland, Manukau and Waitemata battled out a fairly even contest, decided early in the second half by a Yearbury header.

The two wins ensured Manukau would win the three-team series, forcing the cancellation of the last match between Old Blues and Waitemata.

Immediately after the final whistle, Manukau and Cambridge officials met on the pitch for a coin toss to decide which club would get home



advantage in which of the two-legged Challenger Series. Manukau won the toss and elected to travel to Cambridge for the first leg.

The venue for the return leg has yet to be confirmed but is likely to be at Bill McKinlay Park, an all-weather stadium that is the home ground of University-Mt Wellington and which has been used to host international fixtures.

Most famously, it is where the All Whites beat Mexico 4-0 in a preparation match for the 1982 World Cup campaign.

The Challenger Series caps a season in which Manukau won 18 of their 22 AFF League fixtures, finishing 10 points clear of runners-up Three Kings.

In third place was Pukekohe, who were relegated from last season's Northern League second division.



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. I hope you've enjoyed your 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, Villiger joined Cambridge at the end of the 2010 season when he represented our club at the national U19 championships in Napier.

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 has made a rapid recovery and is fast becoming a mainstay of the Cambridge defence. His versatility has also seen him provide cover in midfield.

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. He's equally at home at either left back or on the left side of midfield.

Harry Gifford **Defender, 17**

After developing through the club's youth teams, Gifford made his first team debut last season but has spent most of 2011 with the Feds 2 squad. Having rejoined the first team squad late in the season, Gifford has seized his opportunity to show his ability in the air and in the tackle.



Youth players

Reds for talent centre

Two Cambridge players are among seven young WaiBOP footballers n selected for the October National Talent Centre after a recent Talent on Location Day at North Harbour Stadium.

They are goalkeeper Noah Villiger and defender Jake Mechell, who play for Cambridge's Under 15 squad.

The Talent on Location Day was for male footballers from Northern Football Federation, Auckland Football Federation and WaiBOP Football Federation born in 1996/97 and 1998/1999 who had been nominated by their club and rep coaches.

The boys were trialling for available places at the National Talent Centre (NTC), a week-long training camp held at Auckland Grammar during the first week of the October school holidays. They will join players who had attended the April NTC and have been invited back.

"These players have been identified as the best in their age and the National Talent Centre gives them the opportunity to play and train alongside the best players, with the

best coaches at the best facilities", said WaiBOP Football Development Manager Peter Smith.

During the camp the boys will undergo thorough testing where they will be assessed and scores collated. The top half of attendees will then be invited back to the next National Talent Centre in the April school holidays in 2012, while the bottom half will have to attend a Talent on Location Day and trial for a place.

Villiger, a student at Cambridge High School, has been in outstanding form between the posts this season, emulating the feats of old brother Cale, who has been Cambridge's regular 'keeper in the Northern League this season.

Mechell represented New Zealand at the Danone Nation's Cup for Under 12 players in South Africa last year.

Others from WaiBop to join Villiger and Mechell are James Towers (Rotorua), Blair Pennell and Christopher Goodwin (Waikato), Conor Probert (Western BoP) and Liam Williams (Taupo).



Under 19s news

Squad prepares for Napier

The Cambridge Under 19 squad is working hard in readiness for their trip to Napier for the national youth tournament at Labour Weekend.

Coach Mike Woodlock and manager Brett Clark have been training the squad for the past month, and have stepped up the tempo with practice matches against the first team last weekend and Claudelands Rovers this week.

Cambridge has a fine record at the Napier tournament, finishing runners-up at the 2009 satellite tournament and gaining entry to last season's main competition.

The side will compete in the satellite tournament this year, and will benefit from the high number of players who were young enough to attend last season.

The Napier tournament attracts the country's best youth players and selectors for the New Zealand Under 20 squad use it to spot potential players.

Each team is allowed to recruit two guest players, registered to other clubs, for use in the tournament.

Our side's attendance at this year's tournament has been made possible by a \$2,000 grant from Pub Charity.



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**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 Waikato and Bay of Plenty Federation as a development officer.

**Dave Cracknell
Defender, 26**

Debuted for the first team against Mangere United, when injuries gave him the chance to step up from our B side. Since then, he's increasingly made the centre back spot his own, developing a good understanding with skipper Scott Parsonage.

**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, 26**

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, 21**

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.

**Peter Loyd
Centre back/Midfielder, 19**

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. He's now developing into a useful central defender.

Craig Hedges

Midfielder, 18

A recent arrival from the UK, where he played for Hawkwell Athletic, this hardworking youngster performed well in pre-season and looks to be a first-team regular of the future.

Scott Parsonage

Midfielder, 27

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.

Josh Clark

Defender, 15

Quick and skillful, Clark has graduated to first team football via Cambridge High School and our club's C team. He captains the club's Under 15 side.

Ed Kettle

Midfielder, 26

Former Havelock North player Kettle joined Cambridge at the start of 2011, and quickly became a regular in the Federation 2 side. When he got his chance to feature in the

first team, he quickly showed he could add some steel to the central midfield.

Lee McNally

Coach, 40

The veteran of this squad, McNally took over as player-coach of the side part-way through this season. Unfortunately a broken ankle against Ngaruawahia has curtailed his playing role and he'll now concentrate on coaching.

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

Date	Competition	Opponents	Venue	Result
Apr 2	Div 2 Round 1	Mt Albert Ponsonby	Home	L 1-9
Apr 9	Div 2 Round 2	Warkworth	Away	L 1-3
Apr 16	Div 2 Round 3	North Shore United	Home	L 1-7
Apr 23	Div 2 Round 4	Mangere Utd	Home	L 1-8
Apr 25	Chatham Cup	Taupo	Away	L 0-1
Apr 30	Div 2 Round 6	Waiuku	Home	L 2-4
May 7	Div 2 Round 7	Fencibles United	Away	L 0-4
May 21	Div 2 Round 8	Hibiscus Coast	Home	L 1-3
May 28	Div 2 Round 9	Ngaruawahia AFC	Away	L 1-4
Jun 4	Div 2 Round 10	Tauranga City United	Home	L 1-4
Jun 6	Div 2 Round 5	Papakura City	Away	L 1-2
Jun 11	Div 2 Round 11	Western Springs	Away	L 1-4
Jun 18	Div 2 Round 12	Mt Albert Ponsonby	Away	L 0-7
Jun 25	Div 2 Round 13	Warkworth	Home	L 0-4
Jul 3	Div 2 Round 14	North Shore United	Away	L 0-3
Jul 9	Div 2 Round 15	Mangere United	Away	L 1-5
Jul 23	Div 2 Round 17	Waiuku	Away	L 0-7
Jul 30	Div 2 Round 18	Fencibles United	Home	L 1-4
Aug 6	Div 2 Round 19	Hibiscus Coast	Away	L 0-3
Aug 13	Div 2 Round 20	Ngaruawahia AFC	Home	L 0-2
Aug 20	Div 2 Round 21	Tauranga City United	Away	L 0-4
Aug 27	Div 2 Round 22	Western Springs	Home	D 0-0
Sep 3	Div 2 Round 16	Papakura City	Home	L 0-6
Oct 1	1st leg, play off	Manukau City	Home	
Oct 8	2nd leg, play off	Manukau City	Away	



Our thanks to The Lion Foundation whose donation has helped us replace much-needed playing kit.



Final league table

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Mt Albert–Ponsonby	22	16	3	3	78	26	51
Ngaruawahia United	22	13	3	6	54	38	42
Fencibles United	22	12	3	7	47	26	39
Tauranga City United	22	10	8	4	50	26	38
North Shore United	22	11	3	8	48	40	36
Hibiscus Coast	22	10	4	8	41	33	34
Waiuku	22	9	5	8	54	51	32
Western Springs	22	8	5	9	34	47	29
Mangere United	22	8	4	10	43	46	28
Warkworth	22	6	4	12	35	55	22
Papakura City	22	4	7	11	36	48	19
CAMBRIDGE	22	0	1	21	13	97	1

Promoted to Division 1: Mt Albert–Ponsonby, Ngaruawahia Utd
Relegated from Division 1: Onehunga–Mangere, Matamata Swifts

Happy birthday!

Our junior club held a special celebration on Saturday September 24 — its 50th birthday!

To mark the half century, the junior club invited past and present members to the Vogel St grounds to enjoy a four-hour birthday party.

With more than 450 junior members currently playing, the club has made huge progress since its formation and is one of the Waikato's strongest clubs for young players.



Golden Boot

Our goalscorers in this season's Northern League:

Trent Frampton	5
Denny Commins	3
Peter Loyd	1
Dan Podjursky	1
Harry Redwood	1
Andrew Taylor	1
Wilf Weber	1



Club news

Cambridge FC will hold its senior prizegiving and presentation night at the Vogel St clubrooms on Saturday October 15.

The theme for the evening will be Black & White, acknowledging (we hope) the advancement of the All Blacks to the semi-finals of the Rugby World Cup.

Senior men's and women's teams are invited to bring their own BBQ food and drinks, and enjoy the company of their fellow club members into the night.

The bar will not be open, but teams and individuals are welcome to cater for themselves.

As with last year's successful event, the club will open its doors towards pitches 3 & 4, enabling members to either socialise inside the clubrooms or in the shade of awnings.

You're welcome to attend from 5pm and presentations will start at 7pm prompt.

At 9pm, live coverage of the RWC semi-final will be shown on a big screen.

Meanwhile, the club has already booked the Cambridge Town Hall for next year's Quiz Night — so get it in your diary now!

The event is planned for Saturday August 11.



Birmingham City want to extend Chris Wood's loan period after the former Cambridge striker scored a hat-trick in a 3–0 win over Millwall in the English Championship.

The 19-year-old All White (celebrating his third goal, above), is on loan from West Bromwich Albion and scored the perfect treble — one goal with his left foot, one with his right foot, and the third with his head.

"I have scored a few in the Albion youth team, but nothing compares to this," Wood said.

"I am over the moon. I could never have imagined scoring a hat-trick this early in my career. It is a great feeling and I am ecstatic."

Wood made his Northern League debut with Cambridge, scoring off the bench as a 14-year-old.



Under 15's



CAMBRIDGE FC's Under 15's squad: Back row (from left): Noah Villiger, Jake Michelle, Josh Mayo, Tom Gifford, Mat Wheeler (capt), Zach Mayo, Simon Watkins, Daniel Clarkin, James Muncaster, Scott Parsonage. Front (from left): Bradley Rea, Josh Clark, Jamie Woodlock, Ryan Ashby, Caleb Wilkinson, Lachie McIsaac, James Young.

Exciting finish to season for youngsters

Cambridge's Under 15s have set themselves up for an exciting finish to the inaugural regional championship.

With an emphatic 3-1 win against Wanderers B last Sunday, Cambridge face Tauranga City at John Kerkhof Park this Sunday in a match that will decide which club will finish top of group 2 in the division — effectively becoming the region's fifth best

youth team. That would be a fine achievement for the squad coached by first team skipper Scott Parsonage and managed by D2's stalwart Ben Feaver.

Fourteen teams have contested the Under 15 league and spectators have seen the next generation of senior players emerging.

Wanderers A have clinched the title with a 2-2 draw against Claudelands

League table

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Top group							
Hamilton Wanderers A	14	12	2	0	73	5	38
Claudelands Rovers A	15	12	1	2	78	19	37
Otumoetai	14	11	1	2	91	20	34
West Hamilton (withdrawn)	13	7	1	5	44	32	22
Group 2							
Hamilton Wanderers B	16	7	4	5	44	39	25
Tauranga City	15	7	3	5	53	36	24
CAMBRIDGE	15	7	2	6	42	33	23
Claudelands Rovers B	16	6	3	7	29	40	21
Group 3							
Ngongotaha	16	7	1	8	41	54	22
Whakatane Town	15	6	2	7	29	52	20
Ngaruawahia United	16	4	1	11	34	70	13
Matamata Swifts	15	3	0	12	44	76	9
Bottom Pair							
Taupo (withdrawn)	15	2	2	11	26	99	8
Te Awamutu	15	2	1	12	21	74	7

Rovers A last Sunday. The draw gives Wanderers 38 competition points, one point clear of second placed Claudelands Rovers A, with Otumoetai a further three points back on 34.

Wanderers have the chance to

further extend their lead when they play their last match of the season against Otumoetai this Sunday. However, Otumoetai will be keen for the win which will move them above Claudelands Rovers into second place.

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