



# 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 Craig Hedges  
 2 Joe Gifford  
 Coach: Lee McNally  
 Manager: Josh Easby

## Papakura City

Blue and white stripes  
Blue shorts, blue socks

GK Nick Lawrence  
 2 Jamie Shaw  
 3 Jacob Lynch  
 4 Nial Okakpu  
 5 Freddie Ljungberg  
 6 Sean Smit  
 7 Jason Baker  
 8 Fadeel Khan  
 9 Ross Berry  
 10 Azad Shaker  
 11 Chris Abbott  
 12 Raj Sharma  
 13 Daniel Billot  
 14 Tarachhay Lai

Coach: Peter Cooper  
Manager: Geoff Cooper

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FIRST TEAM ACTION: Midfielder Jamie Coomber (right) challenges for possession against North Shore United. Photograph: Shane Wenzlick.

## MATCH PROGRAMME

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## Our opponents

The Papakura Soccer Club was formed in 1959. The club's teams participate in all competitions within the Auckland region.

The club provided All Whites and Wellington Phoenix coach Ricki Herbert with his introduction to senior coaching when the club appointed him as their Northern League coach in 1990, a position he held for three seasons.

The club has been a consistent participant in the Northern League without ever reaching the heights of national competitions, though it reached the quarter finals of the Chatham Cup in 2005.

The club has excellent facilities beside their home ground at McLennan Park.

In 1998 the club became the biggest club in Counties and saw the first all-girls team to play in the local competition.

In 1994 there were only 14 junior teams. The year 2002 saw 580 junior and youth players registered with 62 teams playing.

In 2004 PCFC had a wide range of players, with almost 700 registered players in junior and youth, with several all girl teams also playing.

The club also has a close association with local schools, with both Alfriston



School and Kelvin Road School, playing for the Papakura Soccer Club.

Papakura's coach is the experienced Peter Cooper who is into his second season at the club and already the second-longest serving coach of those currently in the Northern League second division.

Our 450 junior players now have their own clubrooms thanks to the work of many volunteers, sponsors and organisations who worked together to provide these facilities. In particular, we thank the Waipa District Council, Trust Waikato and Pub Charity for providing financial support.



## 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 the rest of the 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.



## Junior news

# Pilot off to good start

**Local football administrators are confident they've established a new and better way to develop junior players' skills.**

The Waikato/Bay of Plenty Football Federation say the framework pilot for New Zealand's Whole of Football Plan, which has included Cambridge, has started well.

Cambridge was one of five clubs selected to be pilots for the new scheme in which youngsters are encouraged to develop their skills and love for the game from the age of four.

Other clubs involved in the pilot are Opotiki, Rotorua, Otumoetai and Matamata.

Wai/BoP say that after some initial teething problems the pilots in our region have proved to be some of the best in New Zealand.

"With change we are aware that some clubs will grab it and run with it whereas others will take a wee bit longer to see the benefit of the programme." WaiBoP's latest newsletter reports.

"The NZF approach is to implement player development through best practice according to research from around the world. Because this differs from the way junior football is traditionally played in our region there has been some resistance.

"We want players to be as good as they can be at football, with kids enjoying themselves and falling in love with the game. If that happens then they'll be involved in football for the long term.

"The key message we've been trying to get across is what do the kids need and want? It's a matter of looking at the bigger picture and realising that through the junior framework your child will be a better player with a much greater skill acquisition.

"Parents are noticing a huge difference in their child's ability after only one season of involvement in the junior framework.

"We look forward to the national rollout of the junior framework next season."



# Regional news

## Phoenix heading our way

**Wellington Phoenix FC will give Cambridge fans a chance to see them live as they make their first ever appearance at Baypark Stadium, Tauranga, in a pre-season Trans Tasman clash against the Central Coast Mariners on Sunday September 25.**

The fixture is expected to turn Baypark yellow, attracting thousands of the team’s fanatical fans and bringing a special atmosphere to the venue.

“The Phoenix have a very strong following here in the Bay,” said Tauranga City Venues Ltd General Manager Ervin McSweeney. “With

nearly 5,000 youth playing football in the region and a 3.00pm kick-off it will be a great family day out.”

Phoenix chief executive Nathan Greenham said the match was important preparation in the Phoenix’s pre-season build up to the Hyundai A-League 2011/12 season which kicks off in October.

“It’s also a fantastic opportunity for us to take the team on the road to other parts of the country and meet supporters from outside the team’s home in Wellington.”

The Phoenix will be bringing a full strength squad including a number of current All Whites.



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#### Menu

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

## facebook

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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
<b>Sep 3</b>	<b>Div 2 Round 16</b>	<b>Papakura City</b>	<b>Home</b>	
Sep 24	Northern League promotion/relegation play off series			
Oct 1	Northern League promotion/relegation play off series			



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



# League table

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Mt Albert–Ponsonby	22	16	3	3	78	26	51
Fencibles United	21	12	3	6	47	24	39
Ngaruawahia United	20	12	3	5	51	35	39
North Shore United	21	11	3	7	46	35	36
Tauranga City United	21	9	8	4	45	26	35
Waiuku	22	9	5	8	54	51	32
Hibiscus Coast	20	8	4	8	33	29	28
Mangere United	20	8	4	8	41	38	28
Western Springs	21	7	5	9	31	46	26
Warkworth	22	6	4	12	35	55	22
<b>PAPAKURA CITY</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>CAMBRIDGE</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>1</b>

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

Fencibles Utd v Ngaruawahia Utd  
Mangere Utd v Tauranga City Utd  
Hibiscus Coast v North Shore United

## Ups and downs

**Mt Albert–Ponsonby have already sealed their promotion to Division One but the race for the second promoted side will not be sealed till the last games of the season, as Fencibles United and Ngaruawahia fight it out.**

Matamata Swifts and Onehunga–Mangere are likely to be relegated from Division One to play in the second tier next season.



## 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

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# Match reports

## Cambridge 0 Western Springs 0

**After 20 successive losses, Cambridge finally broke their Northern League hoodoo by picking up a well-deserved point from this scoreless draw at John Kerkhof Park.**

With promotion and relegation games looming in late September, Cambridge were desperate to find some form in their remaining league fixtures so they can give themselves a chance of survival in Division Two.

This performance goes some way to achieving that and the Reds now go into their final league match, at home to lowly Papakura City, next weekend with a win in their sights.

The keys to Cambridge's improved fortunes were being able to keep a settled midfield and central defensive combination in recent games, while having a strong subs' bench to draw in as the game settled down.

Big Joe Gifford got his first start of the season, being used to wear down the Springs defence and allowing top

scorer Trent Frampton to come off the bench and provide Cambridge with their second wind.

Both sides had their chances to win the game and both midfields toiled hard, cancelling the other out.

Outstanding for Cambridge were the back four of Steve Lee, Dave Cracknell, Harry Gifford and player of the day was skipper Scott Parsonage.

The team has also benefitted from the return of Nehemiah Melsom, who missed the first half of the season due to injury. His passion and capacity for hard work have lifted those players around him since his return.

## Well done, Simon!

**Congratulations are due to first team defender Simon Mead for his appointment as head coach for Waikato's National Women's League squad for the summer season.**

Mead, a development officer with WaiBop, is a Level 2 qualified coach working to compete his Level 3 badge.

His appointment is consolation for an injury–troubled season in the Cambridge squad.





# Northern League

*As a difficult season draws to a close, first team manager Josh Easby (below) reflects on his side's performances — and how his players might still be able to turn their season around . . .*

## **Going into today's final league fixture, our side remains in search of its first win.**

The fact our players still believe that win will come — at the end of a season that has seen 20 losses and a single draw — speaks volumes for their spirit.

The league table will suggest we've been the Northern League's cannon fodder, but I can honestly say there's not been a game in which we haven't left the changing shed believing we can, and will, turn things around.

Some weeks, we've put up strong opposition, surprising teams who under-estimated our willingness to scrap for everything. Some weeks the wheels came off, and it hurt.

But I have immense pride for the core of the team; guys who have remained positive and endured more than 3,000kms of travel to take part in the Northern League.

Captain Scott Parsonage has been an inspiration, travelling to Vogel St from his Matamata home up to five times a week, to train and to coach our inaugural Under 15 squad.



Veteran Lee McNally planned to spend this season being forced out of the line-up by young players. Instead, he broke his ankle and stepped into the breach when we lost our first two coaches for the season, both for non-football reasons. Whatever he has lacked in coaching experience, he's made up for with passion and resilience.

As a club, we owe much to

the players who have 'done the hard yards' this season — those who have racked up more than 15 appearances are 'keeper Cale Villiger, Jamie Coomber, Andrew Taylor, Trent Frampton, Peter Loyd, Wilfried Weber, Dave Fisher and Scott Parsonage.

So why haven't we fared better, in terms of results?

### Play-offs loom

*We face a two-legged play-off tie on September 24 and October 1 to decide whether our club stays in the Northern League. Our opponents will be the winners of a champion-of-champions group involving Old Blues (WaiBop), Waitemata City (Northern) and Manukau City (Auckland).*

My belief is that our club structure needs to change, enabling more players to flow between our top teams, ensuring our best players are available for first team play.

We've used 41 different players this season, the result of having to scramble around to make the numbers up when injuries and other factors make it difficult to form a squad.

It's also meant we've struggled to have a strong bench, something we really notice late in the game when

our opponents strengthen their line-up as we fade. In many games this season, we've been in the game till the last 20 minutes.

Many in the club have helped our efforts, and we appreciate them — people like Brian 'Bugsy' Harding and Ken Graham from the B's, who have enthusiastically encouraged their players to step up into the Feds and firsts. Steve Thomas has been a tower of strength, as chairman and coach of the Feds.

We love the support of the D2s — always there to cheer us on — and in Kyle Zeuren we have the Northern League's best ball boy. Thanks too to Louis Roberts for his match photographs, and to Tania Zeuren for her matchday catering.

We now face two play-off games that will decide whether we're a Northern League club next season.

Two results in our favour and the disappointment of our season's league form will be gone.

You might look at our season so far and believe we'll need a miracle.

Well, I've got some good news.

We do miracles at this club.

Last season, in our last game, a 94<sup>th</sup> minute goal by our goalkeeper kept us in the league, when we seemed doomed to relegation.

We can do it again.

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