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Hibiscus Coast

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Gower Park

Northern League Div 1

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TDO - The Dinsdale Office

TDO is a bar-restaurant with a great deal to offer. Located at Shop 52-54, at the Dinsdale Shopping Centre, Whatawhata Rd, Dinsdale (east of the supermarket) it provides a safe and relaxing atmosphere, great menu and outstanding service. The staff are friendly, the menu is well priced, it is a good place to watch sport and has a outdoor room for pool and smokers.



Up Front

A couple of weeks ago we ordered our chief scout to head north and have a butchers at Hibiscus Coast. He returned with the slightly disturbing news that the Coasters were possibly the best team he had seen this season, after watching them beat North Shore 4-2.

That view was mitigated slightly by Hibs 0-7 loss at home to Western Springs, but our publicity-shy scout has serious football credentials. It was he who discovered Che Bunce, Jason Chewins, Ceri James, Black Ice Vodka, Sonny Bill Williams, Lydia Ko, and possibly Lorde as well. And he stands by his view that today's visitors are a very, very good team, major threat, and genuine promotion contenders.

So we should be in for a top game today. Which in one sense is a shame, because given Melville perilous position on the table a crowd-pleasing nail-biting thriller is not what we are really after. No, we'd far prefer a one-sided certainty, with a 5-goal cushion by half time, and three points in the bank.

However the league is proving to be relatively even, and - from a Melville perspective at least - of a much better standard this year. At this stage last year we had only lost one league match. This year we have only won one.

Last year Melville won the corresponding fixture 3-0 with two goals from Jama Boss and one from the evergreen Gavin Douglas. Spooky that they should be our top goalscorers to date this season.

Here's a poser from the Gavin Douglas Fan Club: Which event occurred most recently: That Gavin scored by some other means apart from a header? Or somebody apart from Gavin (or Jason Chewins) scored *with* a header? And how long ago was that?

A host of milestones were notched last week. Two teenagers in Dan Goodwin (18) and Bradley Rea (15) debuted for Melville's first team, while Jevon Williams and Shaun Kipara scored their first goals - both of which were overdue, but particularly for Shaun, who made his Melville debut (as a striker) in the first game of the 2009 season.

Meanwhile unless we hear a claim to the contrary, we will presume that Bradley became Melville's youngest ever debutant in the modern Melville era (post-1996).

This week the infusion of new blood is set to continue, with 20-year-old striker Leon Newall making his debut. More on Leon next time, but our chief scout has high hopes he will evolve into a striker in the Mike Thompson mould. And we mean that in the sense of goalscoring exploits rather than mayhem ut on the town.

Also making a debut last week were our new No 2 pitch dugouts. Many people have already observed they are a lot better than the No 1 dugouts for most other clubs. A huge amount of volunteer labour and discounted or donated material went into building them, and we are indebted to the leadership coach Steve Williams played around this project, along with Harry Noorland, as well as those who assisted with the paving foundations. The next stage will be to join up the paved area from the No 1 pitch seating.

Melville return to Chatham Cup action with a home draw on Queen's Birthday Monday, versus second division Forrest Hill Milford, the club that knocked us out in 2009 and 2010 at Gower Park. For the record, we beat them on penalties in 2001 and 2-1 in 1998. But the curious thing is, looking at Melville's Chatham Cup opponents is like looking at your kitchen toaster - you get the same old stuff popping up all the time. Apart from the Milfs, Melville also invariably strike Papatoetoe (2013, 2010, 2008), and Glenfield Rovers (1993, 2005, 2006, 2008). At times it seems like there are only four clubs in the draw for the northern region.

Melville is functioning well in the lower echelons this season.

Our Reserves, going into today's match, were just one point off the lead in the Div 1 Reserve League. On Queen's Birthday they are away to Onehunga Sports in the NRFL Reserves Knockout Cup.

In the Federation League Merv Williams is running a team which is largely comprised of U18s, but with oldies like Terry Blunt and Balir Cowley thrown in. They were gutted to lose in the last minute to league leaders Tauranga last week, but remain sixth going into today's away match with mid-table Otumoetai, and are building a strong team culture.

In the Waikato A league Graham "Jonah" Jones has made a big impression in his debut season as coach, turning a rag-tag outfit into a resilient force that has only been beaten once.

Melville Old Boys are second in the C Division, but desperate not to win the league so as to avoid promotion to a level their weary bones cannot stand. And the youth-dominated C2 team are seventh.

Bruce Timings' Melville team are second equal in the E Division, having lost just one match, and could be title contenders.

In women's football Melville A team are trapped in an absurd 4-team league (What other federation has three divisions, but a top division of just four teams? Mental) where they have had two draws but are still chasing their first win. They are away to Cambridge tomorrow, 11am. But in the C Division Melville are first equal and unbeaten.

The U17s started their campaign last week with a 0-1 away loss to Hamilton Wanderers, but will get a better idea of their prospects with a home game against Whakatane at 1pm, Gower, tomorrow.

Our hosting of the 2015 FIFA U-20 World Cup trophy at Gower Park last weekend was a great publicity exercise for that tournament and for the code in general, and it was heartening to see people wanting to be part of the occasion.

The trophy tour was followed up with a civic breakfast on Tuesday, where among the many speeches, Melville's Aaron Scott was acknowledged as being the perfect ambassador for the Waikato region, as far as this event is concerned.

The trophy is a magnificent piece of metal, and heavy enough to serve as an anchor for Steve Williams' boat.

But one thing I struggle with, on the trophy front, is this. If "Fifa U-20 2015 World Cup" is the formal name of the competition, why isn't the prize a "cup" rather than a blob of metal? Now I am fully aware of the tradition of the Jules Rimet

Melville Toga Party, Tonight!



Melville clubrooms, 7.30pm, \$5 entry

Supper (food fight ammo?) provided.

Dress standard applies: Toga required for entry.

Trophy at top level, but for an event which gets a new piece of silverware to be given away every tournament (don't go thinking this is the same trophy fingered by Maradona and Messi) wouldn't a cup be more fitting for World "Cup" winners?

Don't forget the Melville Toga Party tonight. It's a rare foray into bed-sheet chic and drapery decadence at Gower Park.

I was amused to read a Chinese-sourced webpage expaining to supposedly lesss than worldly readers how they could tell if they were at a good toga party.

They offered the following advice:

- * Other people are wearing Togas - it makes you feel less silly.
- * There should be more good looking women than men wearing Togas
- * They should play at least a couple of songs from the movie (Animal House)
- * Somewhere during the Party someone should start the "Toga" chant.
- * Someone will attempt to remove their Toga.

-- Bruce Holloway.

NORTHERN LEAGUE DIV 1

TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
Eastern Suburbs	7	6	1	0	15	4	11	19
Western Springs	7	5	1	1	21	8	13	16
Hibiscus Coast	7	5	0	2	22	16	6	15
Ellerslie AFC	7	4	2	1	18	9	9	14
Mangere Utd	7	4	1	2	18	16	2	13
Mt Albert Ponsonby	7	3	1	3	14	8	6	10
Metro FC	7	2	3	2	14	15	-1	9
Takapuna AFC	7	3	0	4	20	25	-5	9
Manurewa AFC	7	2	1	4	9	12	-3	7
Melville United AFC	7	1	1	5	12	15	-3	4
North Shore Utd	7	0	2	5	14	25	-11	2
Papatoetoe AFC	7	0	1	6	5	29	-24	1

Today's draw

Melville United	v	Hibiscus Coast	
Ellerslie	v	Eastern Suburbs	6pm
Western Springs	v	Metro	5pm
Takapuna	v	Mt Albert Ponsonby	
Papatoetoe	v	Mangere United	
North Shore	v	Manurewa	(SUN)

Next week's draw

Metro	v	Melville United	
Mt Albert Ponsonby	v	Ellerslie	(FRI)
Eastern Suburbs	v	Mangere	
Manurewa	v	Western Springs	
Hibiscus Coast	v	Takapuna	
North Shore	v	Papatoetoe	(SUN)

Year	Month	Day	Time	Location	Event	Remarks
1901	Jan	1	10:00	St. Paul	Arrival	From New York
1901	Jan	2	10:00	St. Paul	Departure	To New York
1901	Jan	3	10:00	St. Paul	Arrival	From New York
1901	Jan	4	10:00	St. Paul	Departure	To New York
1901	Jan	5	10:00	St. Paul	Arrival	From New York
1901	Jan	6	10:00	St. Paul	Departure	To New York
1901	Jan	7	10:00	St. Paul	Arrival	From New York
1901	Jan	8	10:00	St. Paul	Departure	To New York
1901	Jan	9	10:00	St. Paul	Arrival	From New York
1901	Jan	10	10:00	St. Paul	Departure	To New York
1901	Jan	11	10:00	St. Paul	Arrival	From New York
1901	Jan	12	10:00	St. Paul	Departure	To New York
1901	Jan	13	10:00	St. Paul	Arrival	From New York
1901	Jan	14	10:00	St. Paul	Departure	To New York
1901	Jan	15	10:00	St. Paul	Arrival	From New York
1901	Jan	16	10:00	St. Paul	Departure	To New York
1901	Jan	17	10:00	St. Paul	Arrival	From New York
1901	Jan	18	10:00	St. Paul	Departure	To New York
1901	Jan	19	10:00	St. Paul	Arrival	From New York
1901	Jan	20	10:00	St. Paul	Departure	To New York
1901	Jan	21	10:00	St. Paul	Arrival	From New York
1901	Jan	22	10:00	St. Paul	Departure	To New York
1901	Jan	23	10:00	St. Paul	Arrival	From New York
1901	Jan	24	10:00	St. Paul	Departure	To New York
1901	Jan	25	10:00	St. Paul	Arrival	From New York
1901	Jan	26	10:00	St. Paul	Departure	To New York
1901	Jan	27	10:00	St. Paul	Arrival	From New York
1901	Jan	28	10:00	St. Paul	Departure	To New York
1901	Jan	29	10:00	St. Paul	Arrival	From New York
1901	Jan	30	10:00	St. Paul	Departure	To New York
1901	Jan	31	10:00	St. Paul	Arrival	From New York

Melville United

Coach: Steve Williams
Asst coaches: Jeremy Ollington
 Howie Bettridge
Manager: Harry Noorland
Asst manager: S Smith, S Bettis

GK	Jason Mann
2	Nikali Finlay
3	Leon Newall
4	Dan Goodwin
5	Aaron Scott
6	Jason Chewins
7	Jama Boss
8	Scott Hilliar
9	David Smith
10	Salah Bahiss
11	Joshua Billman
12	Shaun Kipara
13	Paul Clout
15	Daniel Finlay
16	Gavin Douglas
17	Nathan Canton
18	Jevon Williams
19	Bradley Rea
20	Connor Taylor
GK	Stuart Campbell

Referee: Assts:

Hibiscus Coast

Coach: Craig Daly
Asst coach: Karl Hobman
Physio: Nicola Shanks

1	John Fletcher
2	Lee Powell
3	Mitch Cairn
4	Rick Hyde
5	Alex Prior
6	Tom Dale
7	Ben Jones
8	Mike Cyra
9	James Lawson
10	Dan Cyra
11	Dan Bungard
12	Jules Halkyard
13	Leo Neil
14	Chris Smart
15	Zane Olla
16	Paul Langford
17	Trent Mayes
19	Sam Barnfield

Info not supplied this week