

Melville United

Coaches: Sam Wilkinson
Asst coach: Aaron Scott
GK coach: Tony Govorko
Manager: Steve Bettis
Manager: Seamus Marten

GK Max Tommy
2 Luke Searle
3 Aaron Scott
4 Leslie Kivolyn
5 Jerson Giraldo
6 Campbell Brown
7 Mark Jones
8 Liam Hayes
9 Steven Holloway
10 Jama Boss
11 Levi Clark
12 Joel McMullan
13 Kieran Richards
14 Sean Liddicoat
15 Riku Soejima
16 Dominick Edwards
17 Ryen Lawrence
18 Logan Wisnewski
19
RGK Joe Knowles

Waitakere City

Coach: Tommy Mason
Asst coach: Dinesh Chand
Manager: Tim Hawes
Physio: Div Kumar

Luca TAYLOR **GK**
Joshua JONES **2**
Maalosi ALEFAIO **3**
Joshua ARMITT **4**
5
Harry BOLTON-ROBERTS **6**
7
Ignachio MATURENA **8**
9
10
Adyn KETTLE **11**
Daniel MCDOWALL **12**
Sepetaio NOKISI **13**
14
Olusegun ROTIMI **15**
Benjamin GALLAGHER **16**
Sahadev POKHREL **17**
Daniel SEMP **18**
Jason ALAMA **19**
Jacob REEVES-PARMENTER **21**
Sean WILLCOX **23**

Referee: Andrew Lamberth Assts: Robbie Maris, Jared Lamberth

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Melville's 2020 season

All games 3pm, reserve games 12.30pm

20.06.2020	Melville United v Central United	3-4
27.06.2020	Eastern Suburbs v Melville United	3-2
04.07.2020	Melville United v Auckland United	1-3
11.07.2020	Wanderers v Melville United	2-1
18.07.2020	Melville United v Manukau United	1-3
25.07.2020	Bay Olympic v Melville United	1-1
01.08.2020	Melville United v Waitakere City	Gower Park 1
08.08.2020	Western Springs v Melville United	Seddon Fields
15.08.2020	Melville United v Forrest Hill Milford	Gower Park 1
22.08.2020	Melville United v North Shore United	Gower Park 1
29.08.2020	Birkenhead United v Melville United	Shepherds Park



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NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE

TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
Auckland United	6	4	2	0	12	5	7	14
Central United	6	4	1	1	11	8	3	13
Birkenhead United	6	3	1	2	10	6	4	10
Forrest Hill Milford	6	3	1	2	12	10	2	10
Manukau United	6	3	1	2	9	11	-2	10
Western Springs	6	3	0	3	16	8	8	9
Eastern Suburbs	6	3	0	3	12	10	2	9
Wanderers	6	3	0	3	12	11	1	9
Bay Olympic	6	2	3	1	11	13	-2	9
North Shore United	6	2	0	4	6	12	-6	6
Waitakere City	6	1	0	5	4	14	-10	3
Melville United	6	0	1	5	7	14	-7	1

Today's draw

Melville United	v	Waitakere City
Western Springs	v	Forrest Hill-Milford
Birkenhead	v	Manukau United
Eastern Suburbs	v	Auckland United
North Shore	v	Bay Olympic
Central United	v	Wanderers

Next week

Western Springs	v	Melville United
Waitakere City	v	North Shore
Bay Olympic	v	Birkenhead United
Manukau United	v	Central United
Wanderers	v	Eastern Suburbs
Forrest-Hill Milford	v	Auckland United

Up front



Today we face a Waitakere City team that bears no resemblance at all to the side that Melville beat three times (including Chatham Cup) in 2019.

There would appear to be no survivors from the Waitakere squad which last year travelled to Gower Park apart from manager Tim Hawes.

Waitakere City have three times won the national league (or Superclub Championship) and three times the

Chatham Cup, but never the northern premier league. Waitakere are this season coached by Tommy Mason, a former All White (late 1980s) who also served as Football Kingz coach in 2003-04.

Waitakere have won once this season – 1-0 away to Wanderers.

Entering today's game Melville have still to win this season. The last time a team went a whole northern premier league season without winning was in 2011 when Metro managed the feat. Prior to that it was a feat that had been achieved only four times since the league began in 1965.

The closest Melville came to such a dubious honour was in 2012, when Declan Edge's team (featuring the likes of future All Whites Ryan Thomas and Tyler Boyd) won only one match – and that was against Waitakere City.

Today will be the first home match for Jama Boss since transferring back to Melville from Manukau United, and we will be hoping he can replicate his form of previous years.

This is his third spell with Melville. He last played for us in 2018 (Div 1) when he scored 22 goals in 24 appearances (including Cup). Last season Boss scored 16 northern premier goals and four in the Chatham Cup for Manukau.

This season he scored three goals for Manukau before transferring. Kieran Richards has also scored three goals this season. (In Melville Reserves Jerson Giraldo and Rylen Lawrence have also scored three apiece.)

Our congratulations go to Jama for his international call-up to play for Somalia, even though Covid-19 upheavals have diminished the chance of getting on the pitch this year. Jama, 26, was born in Somalia but his family went to Yemen when he was 3 months old, and he came to New Zealand when he was 12.

There has been a slight delay to the introduction of new player registration and transfer regulations this year, due to Covid-19. Pre-Covid NZ Football had notified that all football here was set to operate under one full 12 month season - with players only able to register for three affiliated football clubs and play for a maximum of two of these clubs.

The start of this new singular season was to be 1 October 2020, running through until 30 September 2021. The assumption was that all winter football would have been completed by this date and no National League competitions would yet have started. Traditionally NZ Football has operated two defined seasons, with the winter season from 1 March to 31 October, and the remaining months specifically in place to cover the summer National League Season.

But NZF has now confirmed that the final date for player registration under the winter season has been extended from 30 September 2020 to 31 October 2020. The new singular season plan – where players are only able to register for three football clubs and play for a maximum of two of these clubs – is not now being adopted until 1 November 2020.

After his great save v Bay Olympic Max Tommy has now saved two consecutive penalties in the northern premier league, and it's hard to recall a Melville keeper doing likewise. Mind you Max was probably overdue for a good run, having not saved one in his previous three seasons with Melville.

Sean Liddicoat is not renowned as a goalscorer, but when he does find the net, it tends to be a cracker. His goal against Bay Olympic last week from outside the area was a real tonic. His previous competitive goal was a bicycle kick for Canterbury United v Waitekere United at Fred Taylor Park last November.

Owen Comber has transferred to Claudelands Rovers. He is the second younger Melville squad member to opt to leave and playing at northern league Div 2 level rather than face the more intense challenges of northern premier league football. It's disappointing because Comber had been given a chance to prove his ability with a starting role at premier league ahead of other Melville youngsters. It's also a move unlikely to be missed by national U19 selectors.

Melville have recently signed Quinton Kipara (midfielder-striker), younger brother of former Melville player Shaun Kipara. Kipara has returned to New Zealand after playing for Tobacco Road Football Club in North Carolina (USL League Two) and will shortly be out of quarantine. Meanwhile Mark Jones and Steven Holloway have returned to training this week after injury problems.

Congratulations to Michael Mayne, who has been named assistant coach to the NZ U20 men's team and assistant coach to the U-17 NZ Women. until this week's announcement Mayne's claim to fame this year has been as a goal machine for Melville Nobs.



We're on the board! While we are obviously still not in the position we want or need to be, it was pleasing to pick up a point last weekend in what is always a tricky away fixture at Bay Olympic.

For a while it looked as though it might have been a similar story for us....lots of possession high up the pitch, lots of clear cut chances but nothing to show for it! Ironically it was one of the harder chances that we ended up tucking away through our resident goal machine....Sean Liddicoat.

The fight and spirit of the players has continued to be excellent, despite things not going our way recently. At times when I watch us train and play i'm left scratching my head as to how we are in the position we are

currently in. Some of our play with the ball has been really excellent and the energy and work rate of our defensive play has also been everything I ask of the team. We still need to be more clinical and decisive in the two boxes but I genuinely believe we are not far off being a very good team.

We have welcomed back Jama Boss to the club, his ability in and around the box will add an extra dimension to our play and his general energy and enthusiasm will also be a welcome addition.

Congratulations to Jerson Lagos and Ryen Lawrence - two Academy players that have recently made their first team debuts. Alongside Campbell Brown and Lesley Kivolyn it is really pleasing to see these young players not only making appearances but beginning to impact first team matches. Well done to the lads.....many more to come!

Welcome to Tommy Mason and his Waitakere City side. It goes without saying that it's a big game for both clubs. We are looking forward to the battle and hopefully we come away with a vital three points!

