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From the chairman



Today marks the first time in 43 years a Chatham Cup semifinal has been played in Hamilton, so it is an occasion of some note regardless of the result, for both Melville United and the city.

I was present as a young boy when Blockhouse Bay beat Hamilton AFC 2-1 at Muir Park in 1970, in the last cup semifinal contested here. To put that in a wider social-historical context, it was at a time when the news was dominated by the killing of Harvey and Jeannette Crewe at Pukekawa, Maori All Blacks touring South Africa needing to be given 'honorary whites' status, and John Rowles' 'Cheryl Moana Marie', hitting No 1 on the charts.

Though Hamilton lost that day, the memories of the occasion have lingered. Not just that it was perhaps the biggest crowd ever seen at the ground and a pretty decent match as well, but it's funny the little things you remember... The booming voice of Hamilton player-coach Bill Hume seemingly roaring "time Billy, son" every five minutes or so to little Bill Ironside - and as a kid wondering what he could possibly mean, given Billy patently had next to no time at all against an Auckland team that was on course to do the league and cup double in the inaugural year of the national league.

Still, that's football-speak for you, and we musn't be sidetracked.

Melville are delighted to welcome a number of dignitaries today, including Her Worship the mayor of Hamilton, Julie Hardaker, and principals of sponsors and funding agencies, as well as a number of former club members who may not have been to Gower Park since the heady days of our 2003 Chatham Cup run.

For the past six years here at Melville we have worked very hard at trying to build a facility capable of doing justice to football occasions such as this. While there is obviously still much work to be done, we are proud of the progress that is evident when you look back on the photos from former days.

So even beyond what the occasion obviously means to the coaches and players involved, hosting a semifinal is reward for those who have volunteered their time (or simply been strong-armed) for working bees, turned up to committee meetings on freezing winter nights, or employed specialist skills pro bono in pursuit of "making a difference" to football in our community.

At this point we must also welcome Waitakere City, a club which has the distinction of being one of three New Zealand clubs which has won the Chatham

Cup for three successive years (1994, 95, 96).

Whereas getting to the semifinal has been a real feat for Melville in a year of a total team rebuild, and at a time when we are also working incredibly hard on facility development, by contrast Waitakere fans could be excused for stifling a yawn or two, having made the semifinals six times since their club was formed in 1989.

To properly acknowledge Waitakere, I want to depart from the usual template of offering the bland platitudes you historically find in semifinal programme welcomes and offer more of a personal memoir.

About 15 years ago English author Colin Shindler wrote a book titled *"Manchester United Ruined My Life"* in which he recalled the challenges of growing up in central Manchester in the 1950s and 1960s as a Manchester City fan, permanently under the shadow of Manchester United.

I've sometimes felt a parallel book could easily have been written in a New Zealand setting: *"Waitakere City Ruined My Life"*. Because for a generation today's visitors ruined the football dreams of Waikato United, and then Melville United, fans - and probably those of many other clubs as they picked up three Chatham Cup wins, two national league titles, and one superclub championship title, as well as being Cup runners-up twice.

But for Waitakere, Waikato United would have won the national league in 1992. But for Waitakere, Waikato would have won the superclub championship in 1995. In the Melville era Waitakere have also been the harbingers of broken dreams far too often. In 2010 there was the excruciating 3-4 loss to Waitakere which ultimately cost us the runner-up position in the reformatted Northern Premier league. And in their last visit to Gower Park, on June 30 last year, they won 3-0.

Just about the only redeeming feature in this historic roll call was that in 2003 Melville United beat a useful Waitakere team 3-2 on their march to the final, twice coming from behind to do so. Mind you, even then, I did not have the pleasure of being present to witness it. I was travelling between Paris and Lyon on a TGV train at the time, and relying on delayed text message reports from an abberant son, who was deliberately writing in the back-to-front reporting style of a Boer War correspondent - so it was not until the very final text that you could work out that Melville had actually won.

So to our Waitakere visitors, while I have enormous respect for your pedigree as one of the aristocrats of club football in New Zealand, with a huge trophy-winning

history, I would really, really love Melville to win today.

And as for Shindler's book, while it was a bestseller, it ultimately fails to deliver a suitable level of historical analysis for it to be given the highest personal recommendation. But it does end with the memorable line: *"A verbal contract to support a football team may not, in Sam Goldwyn's memorable phrase, be worth the paper it's written on, but in the minds of millions of us, it is as binding as one written in blood."*

-- Bruce Holloway.

Melville United welcome the Claudelands Rovers women's team to today's match ahead of their ASB Women's Knockout Cup semifinal against Glenfield Rovers, 1pm at Galloway Park tomorrow.



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Know your ASB Chatham Cup history

At Melville's quarterfinal tie last month, several people were inquiring about the background to the Chatham Cup. The following is a brief précis which may help.

The Chatham Cup was gifted to the New Zealand Football Association in 1922 by the crew of *HMS Chatham*, a light cruiser, 458 feet long, with a crew of 400 and eight 6 inch guns, one anti-aircraft gun, and a couple of torpedo tubes which had been built in the naval dockyard in Chatham, Kent, in 1912

It was the 13th ship from the Royal Navy to be named Chatham (dating back to the 1600s) and it saw war service off the African coast and at Gallipoli in WW1. But in 1916, just prior to the Battle of Jutland (ask your great grandfather) she hit a mine and after finally being repaired was offered on loan to the New Zealand government in 1919. Fuel oil was not readily available in New Zealand at the time so her coal-fired system made her suitable. *HMS Chatham* arrived in Auckland on January 26, 21, greeted by Prime Minister Bill Massey, and for the next three years Chatham, with her distinctive four funnels, was involved in sea training of naval cadets, while maintaining a naval presence around the South Pacific.

In December 1922 councillors of the New Zealand Football Association were invited on board where Captain Prickett presented the cup to chairman Charles Skerrett. The entire ship's company paraded for the presentation, made in appreciation of the hospitality the crew had received during their time in New Zealand, but also to encourage the code of football here.

In May 1924 Chatham left Auckland and was finally sold for scrap in 1926. So the ship is long gone, but the generous spirit of her crew lives on with the Chatham Cup.

The cup itself was modelled on the FA Cup. Those who saw it at Gower Park last month will appreciate it stands 52cm high, and was crafted in 1915 (with a silver collar added in 1922).

It is inscribed: *CHALLENGE CUP presented to THE NEW ZEALAND FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION by the SHIP'S COMPANY OF HMS CHATHAM December 1922.*

It was first contested the following year,, when the inaugural champions were from the small Otago settlement of Seacliff, with many of the team being staff from the nearby psychiatric hospital. There were just eight entries in that first Chatham Cup competition (though there was a team from Huntly).

Support for the cup was limited in the early years. Indeed, in 1937 Cup was cancelled after only 12 teams nationwide registered entries. Apart from the war years of 1941–44, that is the only occasion on which the Cup has not been contested annually. While cup finals regularly drew large crowds, the costs involved with

contesting the Cup have also sent some clubs into liquidation as a result of the debts incurred, notably 1924 winners Harbour Board (Auckland).

Prior to 1970, the final was held between the winners of separate North Island and South Island tournaments, with national semi-finals often being referred to as "Island finals". In the early years of the competition, each regional association found its own champion to represent that region in the Chatham Cup, leading to confusion in many of the early records with regional finals, island finals, and the national final all often simply being referred to in contemporary reports as "finals".

For instance, Rotowaro, from the former mining town just west of Huntly, contested the "Auckland final" in 1947.

In the early years of the competition the number of corners won during a game decided tied matches, with extra time and penalty shoot-outs later used to decide tied matches.

From 1986-1988, the final was contested on a two-match home and away series, but in other years the final has been a single match. In 1952, the final finished 1-1, and the title was shared. A replay was used to decide the 1970, 1972 and 1983 finals, and penalty shoot-outs decided the 1990 and 2001 finals.

The most successful teams in the Chatham Cup have been Mount Wellington (seven wins, two of them since amalgamation with Auckland University), and Christchurch United and North Shore United (six wins each).

Seatoun striker John Donovan, holds the individual goalscoring record for a Chatham Cup final, netting six times against Christchurch City in a 7-1 victory in 1958.

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Melville's 2003 team which made the Chatham Cup final...

Back, left: Gavin Douglas, Sam Wilkinson, Steven Holloway, Wayne Bates, Stu Watene, Shane Hooks, Grant Cooper, Eddie Trubshoe, Gordon Glen Watson, Daryl Gibbs. **Front:** Vlad Yugov, Cole Tinkler, Matt Parkin, Josh Billman, Jeremy Field.



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Our Chatham Cup semifinals

By Bruce Holloway

Today is the first semifinal contested anywhere in the Waikato in 43 years. Waikato teams have made the semifinals a further five times since Hamilton Technical Old Boys became the first provincial club to win the Chatham Cup in 1962. But no club has managed to secure a home semifinal tie since Hamilton AFC lost 2-1 to Blockhouse Bay at Muir Park in 1970. Here is a potted chronology of our semifinals....



1962: Technical Old Boys scored a crushing 4-0 win over New Plymouth club Moturoa in a match played before about 2000 fans at Seddon Park to become Waikato's first cup finalists. Indeed, it meant Technical became the first North Island club outside of Auckland or Wellington to so much as qualify for the final. The goals came from John Dekkers, Peter Feenstra, Klaus Poelman and 18-year-old Trevor Jones, but the star for Technical was captain and centre half Arthur Leong.

Leong, 31 at the time, was born in Canton, China, but came to New Zealand as a 4-year-old, and at the time was also the club's president. He was the first player of Asian ethnicity to play for New Zealand, and made 15 appearances between 1959-1964. Brothers Klaus (right wing) and Fritz Poelman (left back) were also former New Zealand internationals, having emigrated from Holland, but aged 38 and 37 respectively, they were coming to the end of brilliant careers. Technical proceeded to beat Otago's Northern - who had won the cup the year before - 4-1 in the final.

At the time Technical had no facilities to speak of. They would train under street lights near the Founders Theatre (which was built that same year) and use the Riverina Hotel for the aftermatches. Even their claret and light blue shirts were homemade. Technical amalgamated with Wanderers in 1964 to form Hamilton AFC - though a disaffected group later broke away to re-form the Wanderers club.

1970: Hamilton AFC had been disappointed at not being selected for the inaugural national league, but had a strong Chatham Cup run. They'd beaten Wellington national league club Hungaria 1-0 in the quarterfinals. But Hamilton couldn't repeat that upset in the semis, and lost 2-1 at Muir Park against a Blockhouse Bay team which proceeded to win both the Cup and the inaugural national league. The semi drew one of the biggest crowds ever seen at Muir Park.

Big Bill Hume was in his third season as player-coach back at Hamilton, after years in Australia - where he achieved the rare feat of playing for Australia after having also represented New Zealand. His team almost forced extra time late in the second half, but John Morris - later to be chairman on the NZFA - was great in the Bay goal. Hamilton featured the likes of Don Bain, Dave Wallace, Billy and Ken Ironside, the unflappable Arthur Parker, and the high-octane Roy Little in midfield. But it was 17-year-old John Ravenscroft who made his name for Hamilton in this match in taking it to his experienced Bay opponents, many with international caps. Hamilton later contested the national league from 1977-78 and 1980-82, and amalgamated with Waikato United in 1992.



1988: Hamilton AFC and Claudelands Rovers came together to form a Waikato team to take up an extraordinary vacancy in the national league - and amazingly the embryonic club won the Chatham Cup in its first year of existence. Roger Wilkinson had a solid team, anchored by tough 29-year-old Geordie Dave Merritt. Darren Melville, Lance Bauerfiend, Marcus Gerbich,

Gary Dillistone and Chris Roberts came across town from Waikato FC (a private entity which had "leased" Claudelands Rovers northern premier league berth in 1987). Paul Gemmell, previously with Hamilton AFC, returned from a couple of highly successful seasons with Manurewa. Mark Cossey was back, Liverpool product Brian Hayes transferred from Ngaruawahia, and Tony McIsaac from Cambridge. Graham Jones (now a Melville old boy) came north from Nelson United, Lawrence Fitzpatrick, Brian Chisholm and Greg Larsen stepped up from youth ranks, and added to the mix were imports Steve Tate and Darren Powell.

Waikato went six weeks without a win at the start of the national league, but steadily found form in the Cup, though their away semi against DB Spats Wellington was a tough one, with a team plagued by injuries, patchy form - and no history. Waikato were also without captain Darren Melville, Dillistone was badly winged in goal, and Roberts was seemingly under a permanent injury cloud. Waikato were also expecting to be without Fitzpatrick, in Fiji with the Junior All Whites. But on the plus side Merritt won an appeal against a send-off two weeks earlier which removed a semifinal suspension.

Wellington were no mugs, with Steve O'Donaghue, Anthony Buick-Constable, and the powerful Phil Barton up front, but Waikato won a dour, gritty contest courtesy of a penalty shootout after 120 minutes without a goal. In the shootout Merritt stepped up first and put Waikato ahead. Then Dillistone saved Tony Buick-Constable's kick

to give Waikato a margin. However Hayes then put his shot over the bar, leaving Wellington to draw level. But John Denham shot wide to leave it at 1-0.

Next up was young Fitzpatrick, and the fact he was even there was a story in itself. Fitzpatrick had spent the previous two weeks with the Junior All Whites in Fiji, and was expected to miss the match. But he caught a plane at 4am from Suva, then grabbed a last minute seat from Auckland,



arrived at Newtown Park 15 minutes before kick-off, and came on as second half sub. Fitzpatrick scored and Dean Behrens missed for Wellington. That left it for Cossey to nervelessly tuck away the decisive penalty, after which he disappeared beneath an orgy of bodies (including the team management).

1992: Waikato United had arguably their strongest team ever, with Darren Fellowes and Cossey a formidable striking partnership, and led the national league for many weeks, though ultimately finished runners-up to Waitakere City. After beating Cup aristocrats Christchurch United 3-1 at home in the quarterfinals, they were drawn away to Central League division one champions Tawa. Redwood Park, perched on a hilltop plateau, was possibly the most windswept, exposed pitch in New Zealand and Tawa were tough opponents.

Not until extra time did Waikato assert themselves. Jones (yes, our Jonah) worked the ball down the left flank and somehow got it across for Fellowes to slide it into the path of Paul Thompson who foud the top corner from just inside the area (and celebrated with a somersault in the mud). Fellowes then added a solo special beating three players and dinking a soft lofted shot in off the crossbar. Waikato returned to Wellington for the final, but lost 3-1 to Miramar Rangers, after enjoying the early lead. Waikato amalgamated with Melville to form Melville United in 1996.

1998: Ngaruawahia United beat the likes of Eastern Suburbs, Bay Olympic and, er, Wanderers, to earn an away semifinal against Dunedin Technical. A funding drive kicked off by the Waikato Times raised over \$10,000 to make the trip possible, though there was no fairytale ending, with Narra losing 2-0. Jeff Coulshed's Ngaruawahia benefitted from picking up many members of Melville's 1997-98 summer national league squad, including Brian Hayes, Matt Williams, Aaron Kingi and Marcus Traill. Also on board were Wayne Bates - a green-haired teenaged at the time - and a dreadlocked Nicolai Helwig, both later to wind up at Melville.

2003: Absolutely nobody saw Melville's 2003 cup run coming. An unheralded Melville team charged all the way to the final, dismissing five national league clubs, on the back of an otherwise patchy northern premier league season. Even though I had a

son playing for Melville, I'd regularly savaged them as a jobbing sports reporter. In early season newspaper reports I variously described Melville as "dysfunctional", and having a "general ugliness" (after a 0-3 loss to Waitakere City, incidentally). Even in victory I described Melville as "a ragged, bumbling, sloppy outfit who generally could not trap a ball, pass, or, most of all, think".

Coach Paul Nixon appeared to agree, in a column reviewing his team after just one win in six matches: "*We just need the X factor to start winning. Unfortunately I don't know what the X factor is*". Then from ugly duckling there was a Clark Kent-Superman transformation. The mid-season arrival of Jeremy Field helped. It allowed 17-year-old Steven Holloway to move into the forward line, and he proceeded to pot 10 goals in the cup run, while Stu Watene looked far more at ease on the flank than up front, and Grant Cooper reverted from midfield to left back.

The second-round match, against 2002 Cup finalists Tauranga City United, was the watershed. Melville won with a golden goal penalty in extra time, starting the transformation. Melville then twice came from behind to beat three-times cup winners Waitakere City in a third-round thriller, hammered Western Springs 8-0 and served up an astonishing 5-0 humbling of six-times cup winners North Shore, to earn an away semifinal against Central United.

Kiwitea St was awash with colour and noise as Melville rolled cup favourites Central 1-0 to continue a fairy tale in which they cut a swathe through the cream of New Zealand football. Melville did not display the flair of the victories over North Shore or Waitakere, but showed a steely determination in defence and a passion the home team could not match.

They were also buoyed by a remarkable travelling "Red Army" which transformed Central's ground into an Auckland version of Gower Park, and were rewarded by a classic goal in the 58th minute. Centre back Cole Tinkler picked up the ball deep in defence, set off on a jinking run only a 17-year-old would dare attempt, danced through three tackles, then clipped an inch-perfect ball behind the Central defence. Stu Watene sprinted on to it and steered it just inside the post, to spark huge celebrations.

"Are you North Shore in disguise," Melville fans gleefully chanted. In previous ties Melville attackers had been the heroes. This time it was the defenders. Skipper Gavin Douglas towered above them all and Grant Cooper, the only Melville player aged over 25, was typically staunch. At the final whistle hundreds of Melville fans invaded the pitch to share a special moment with the players. "We are Melville. Mighty, mighty Melville," they cheered.

2013: A story waiting to be written.

Today's visitors: Waitakere City

Waitakere City was originally formed specifically to compete in the national league in 1989, as a composite team involving the clubs of West Auckland, Te Atatu and Lynndale. In 1991 they moved their base from Western Springs and merged with Massey AFC to become based at Fred Taylor Park.

Since the advent of the New Zealand Football Championship (later ASB Premiership) in 2004 stablemate team Waitakere United has contested the national league, with Waitakere City competing in winter - though often with a significant cross-over of personnel. It means Waitakere City can have an entirely different composition, depending at what time of the season clubs are scheduled to play them (ie, everyone wasn't to play Waitakere in April, nobody wants to play them in August).

Waitakere won national league titles in 1990 and 1992, and won the Chatham Cup three years running, in 1994, 1995, and 1996.

Since formation the club has boasted 15 full All Whites, eight U-23 internationals, and nine U-20s.

This year Waitakere are coached by former All White Colin Tuua, assisted by another former All White, Jeremy Seales.

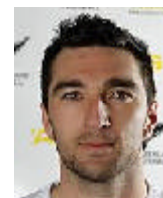


Key players

Roy Krishna, 26, is a Fijian international who trialed for the Phoenix in 2008 but did not land a contract, and has been with Waitakere United or Waitakere City ever since. In 75 national league appearances he has scored 55 goals, and won the golden boot in 2012-13. In 2008-09 he was NZFC Player of the Year.



Jake Butler not only played alongside Aaron Scott at Waitakere United over summer - where he has now made well over 100 national league appearances - but also in the New Zealand A team against Jordan earlier this year. Butler, a 28-year-old midfielder - has also played a lot of football for Bay Olympic in previous winter seasons.



Waitakere's 2013 Chatham Cup results:

- b Takapuna 4-1
- b Ellerslie 3-1
- b Bay Olympic 3-1
- b Onehunga Sports 7-0

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The Chatham Cup final will be played on September 15 with the
venue still to be announced.

Melville's road to the quarterfinals...

b Ngongotaha 2-1 (home)
b Hibiscus Coast 3-1 (away)
b Papatoetoe 2-1 (home)
b Manurewa 1-0 (away)
b Birkenhead 3-2 (home)

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GK	Ally Houston
2	Nikali Finlay
3	Aaron Scott
4	Nathan Canton
5	Scott Hilliar
6	Ellis Appleton
7	Jama Boss
9	Mike Cosgrave
10	Baashe Boss
11	Josh Billman
12	Shaun Kipara
13	Paul Clout
14	Connor Higgins
15	Ahmad Zammit
16	Gavin Douglas
17	Justin Harden
18	Jordan MacCarter
20	Connor Taylor
22	Garmon Hafal

RGK **Stuart Campbell**

Referee: **Assts:**

Waitakere City

Coach: Colin Tuaa
Asst Coach: Jeremy Seales
Manager: Daniel Shepherd
Physio: James Houldsworth

GK	Eamon Goodin
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3	Tim Myers
4	John Muchirahondo
5	Sam Redwood
6	
7	Imraan Shah
8	
9	Rory Turner
10	Denver MacDonald
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