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CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

SO OUR WISHES WERE GRANTED THE OTHER WEEK AND WE ARE BACK HOME AGAINST THE SAME OPPONENT. I'M EXCITED AND EXPECTING MORE OF THE SAME.

Last weekend Hamilton Wanderers brought their game to David Farrington Park and proved to be, as predicted, a very difficult and determined opposition.

As Scott said to me after the game, a win is a win, and this is true, but I really felt that we still have more to give today. The pitch has never looked better and the ground as a whole is conducive to constructive, exciting, attacking football, so let's hope we experience this today.

There is a real feeling today of finality and frustration as this is the last occasion where TeeDubs, as we know them, will walk out at the home of football in Wellington. Personally, I think it is a great shame that the most competitive and successful version of New Zealand Football's National League is to be dismantled. A league that has led our countries clubs to numerous Club World Club Championships and to world-wide notoriety will be no longer past the next couple of weeks.

I do also hope however that the new competition is able to rise to the same levels of success.

Last week I thanked all those involved in putting on the matches and this week I wish to thank the governance team who have battled through good times and bad to keep this franchise going and giving players and supporters such great entertainment on so many occasions. Also to every player who has pulled on the jersey with pride. Our current squad today represent you as we seek another National League final appearance. I know that everyone will be pulling out all the stops to give the David Farrington Park faithful something to remember today.

Let's hope that come the final whistle today that we have on final 90 minutes in which to celebrate the last seventeen years.

Enjoy the game. Go Tee Dubs!

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WORD FROM THE COACH

I WRITE THIS WITH A HEAVY HEART.

Team Wellington has been my everything for five years, it's not a switch you can turn off and on when you want. TW embraces you, if you embrace it. It's a living heartbeat, it's in you, it's part of you, it's more than a feeling. I've travelled Aotearoa from top to bottom, Oceania including Solomon Islands, Fiji, Vanuatu and New Caledonia just to name a few, on numerous occasions. I've had the highs of the FIFA Club World Cup, the lows of losing finals, losing on penalties, winning on penalties, last minute winners, equalisers, losing... Team Wellington has given me everything I ever wanted in my journey, but most of all it's my home, my family's home, my safe place. Don't get me wrong, I'm on edge sometimes... but that's football.

In the past five years, I've represented TW in 110 games, won 65, lost 21, conceded 155, scored 306. Yes, everyone, I've done it all with you.

Today is game 111, wanting win 66. We don't want this to end either, but when it does, I want you to know that the teedubs heartbeat won't stop, we will be back in some shape or form, but until then, stand with us today!

SCOTT HALES

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#3 AARON SPAIN
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CLUB: MIRAMAR RANGERS AFC



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CLUB: MIRAMAR RANGERS AFC



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CLUB: MIRAMAR RANGERS AFC



#6 SCOTT MIDGLEY
POSITION: DEFENDER
CLUB: WESTERN SPRINGS AFC



#7 JOAO MOREIRA
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#8 SAM MASON-SMITH
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#19 HARIS ZEB
POSITION: FORWARD
CLUB: EASTERN SUBURBS AFC



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CLUB: MIRAMAR RANGERS AFC



#21 MAX BATCHELOR
POSITION: FORWARD
CLUB: MIRAMAR RANGERS AFC



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CLUB: LOWER HUTT CITY AFC



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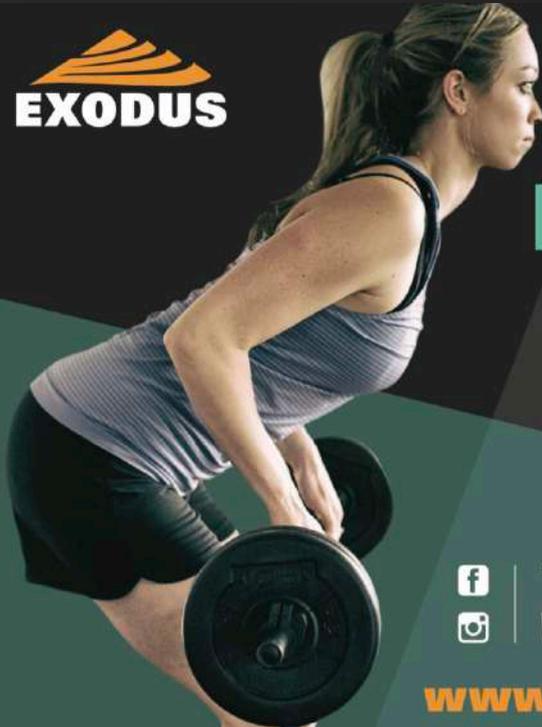
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PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
 AUCKLAND CITY FC	14	8	4	4	27	13	+14	28
 TEAM WELLINGTON	14	7	5	5	35	21	+14	26
 HAMILTON WANDERERS	14	5	5	5	23	21	+2	20
 WAITAKERE UNITED	14	4	6	6	28	26	+2	18
 CANTERBURY UNITED	14	5	3	3	21	24	-3	18
 EASTERN SUBURBS AFC	13	4	4	4	23	22	+1	16
 HAWKES BAY UNITED	13	4	1	1	16	27	-11	13
 WELLINGTON PHOENIX	14	2	4	4	18	37	-19	10

ROUND FOURTEEN



TEAM WELLINGTON	3 - 2	HAMILTON WANDERERS
CANTERBURY UNITED	5 - 1	WELLINGTON PHOENIX
AUCKLAND CITY FC	2 - 2	WAITAKERE UNITED
**HAWKES BAY UNITED	-	EASTERN SUBURBS



** At the time of printing this game was scheduled but has not been played.

GOLDEN BOOT 2020/21 STANDINGS

RANK	PLAYER	CLUB	GOALS
1	HAMISH WATSON	 TEAM WELLINGTON	12
=	DEREK TIEKU	 HAMILTON WANDERERS	12
3	LOGAN ROGERSON	 AUCKLAND CITY FC	8
=	SAMUEL MASON-SMITH	 TEAM WELLINGTON	8
5	GARBHAN COUGHLAN	 CANTEBURY UNITED	6





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YELLOW FEVER PREVIEW



NOT LONG BEFORE CHRISTMAS LAST YEAR I HAD MY HEART BROKEN PRETTY SIGNIFICANTLY. DON'T STOP READING, THIS ISN'T A WOE-IS-ME ROMANTIC DISASTER. INSTEAD, I REFER TO NEW ZEALAND FOOTBALL'S DECISION TO RESTRUCTURE THE NATIONAL LEAGUE.

I've only been a football fan since 2007. The Wellington Phoenix lit the fire, the 2010 FIFA World Cup fanned the flames, and Team Wellington have played the most significant part in keeping the fire burning.

It's really tough to accept that something that has brought me so much joy over the last decade is going to cease to exist in the near future. I think I've spent a fair bit of time in the denial and anger phases of grief and I for sure cannot see myself reaching acceptance any time soon.

Today's match, a re-match of the final Handy Prem regular season game, is the last time we'll get to see our club, as we know it, at our home - Davey F. It's a huge occasion, something I'm sure that is not lost on anyone here today.

It goes without saying that the boys and coaching staff have the full support of everyone here today. I doubt that they need much encouragement to fire up for this one, as they carry the weight of pushing to play just one more game.

The big one. The final. The final final. They also know that they can do the job and beat the Wanderers side once again.

Selfishly, I need this win. I don't want the journey to be over just yet.

But when the final whistle blows just know that I am so proud of this team, of this club and I have thoroughly enjoyed (almost) every minute of time

I've spent at Davey F, at grounds around the country, and at grounds abroad.

I've said this before, but it has been an absolute honour and a privilege to have written for this programme each week for the past number of years (not entirely sure what that number is to be honest, it's just become part of my life).

I hope that you have enjoyed reading my thoughts (and ramblings) as much as I enjoy sharing them. I'm not going to lie, it gets hard - a loss can bring down the mood and motivation.

But feeling like I'm a part of this club pushes me through those times.

My parting gift to you is a poem that I wrote after a few drinks and with an inability to sleep, one night over the Christmas break:

TRACEY HODGE
YELLOW FEVER

I met you a little over ten years ago.
My friends introduced us.
I was pretty new to the scene,
my experience limited.

It was casual at first.
I needed to figure things out.
I spent more time laughing with friends,
than paying attention to you.

You introduced me to new people,
I'm now proud to call friends.
Some even family,
such is our bond.

Things started to get serious.
I invested more time.
More focus on you,
and less on my friends.

I wrote about you often.
I travelled the world for you.
I talked about you a lot,
more than my parents might like.

I learned a lot from you.
About myself,
about the world,
and my confidence grew.

Thank you for being in my life.
These memories will last always,
in my head and my heart.
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