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## **A Few Kind Words**

Welcome everyone to the Matamata Domain. It's great to be back home again after an Easter double-header spent on the road. We're used spending the long weekend away from football, scoffing Easter eggs and munching on hot cross buns, so it was a shock to the system for some of us!

Definitely a good shock, though. We knew what we were getting into when we signed up for the NRFL and this new challenge is exactly what this club needed.

Speaking of challenges, today's fixture is a very real reminder of what this league's all about. It's been a long time since we played a team from Whangarei - FC Northland in the Chatham Cup way back in the mid-1990's. It's no secret we were hoping to play this fixture here in Matamata as facing a good team after spending more than four hours on the road is a tough assignment. So a special welcome to everyone from North Force. I hope you enjoy your rather long day out.

We had an interesting Easter. Saturday's match in Cambridge was incident and damage free as we secured our first away victory in the NRFL. There was the potential for an added edge to this derby, with Cambridge containing five ex-Swifts in their starting line-up, but it never really came to much. Our guys did a good professional job, got the result and moved on to Monday's assignment against Ellerslie...which was a completely different story. I felt we matched the league leaders in most areas, but they took their chances when they arrived while we didn't. That's the way it goes sometimes.

All our other senior teams begin their season this weekend, so I'd like to offer my best wishes to the players and coaching staff involved. The reserves and ladies, along with the 1st team, are at home so the Domain will be the place to be this weekend.

**Dwayne Barlow** 

**PICTURED** 

Front Cover Stu Watene gets to grips with his Ellerslie opponent.

Page three Grant Cooper strides out during last Saturday's derby at Cambridge.

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### **LAST WEEK**

NRFL DIVISION 1 - SATURDAY APRIL 3, 2010 - JOHN KERKHOF PARK

#### CAMBRIDGE FC 0 v MATAMATA SWIFTS 3

OG 17m, Mike Beard 80m, 86m

**Swifts** Tom Pamment; William Mason, Bevan Woltersdorf, Grant Cooper; Simon Arthur, Alberto Romero (Mark Knell 77m), Tim Miller, Andrew Clothier (Mike Spencer 55m); Mike Beard, Stu Watene, Andrew Cooper (Andrew Taylor 73m). Subs (not used) Jonathan Crook, Jamie Baxter.

NRFL DIVISION 1 - MONDAY APRIL 5, 2010 - MICHAELS AVE

#### ELLERSLIE 3 v MATAMATA SWIFTS 0

**Swifts** Tom Pamment; Andrew Taylor, William Mason, Bevan Woltersdorf, Jamie Baxter; Simon Arthur (Alberto Romero 72m), Andy Birchenough, Mark Knell (Tim Miller 64m), Mike Beard; Stu Watene, Andrew Cooper (Andrew Clothier 77m). Subs (not used) Duncan Lowry.

Below Alberto Romero glides past ex-Swift, Gareth Clark, during last Saturday's derby against Cambridge.



## **TABLE TALK**

#### **NRFL Division 1** (as at April 5, 2010)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ellerslie	4	4	0	0	11	4	12
Hibiscus Coast	4	3	1	0	13	4	10
North Force	4	3	1	0	11	3	10
Western Springs	4	3	1	0	11	5	10
Tauranga City Utd	4	3	0	1	11	5	9
Birkenhead Utd	4	2	1	1	12	6	7
Waiuku	4	2	1	1	15	10	7
Mt Albert-Ponsonby	4	2	0	2	10	7	6
<b>Matamata Swifts</b>	4	2	0	2	6	6	6
Onehunga Mangere Utd	4	1	1	2	7	10	4
North Shore Utd	4	1	1	2	2	8	4
Fencibles Utd	4	1	0	3	6	8	3
Mangere Utd	4	1	0	3	4	10	3
Cambridge	4	0	1	3	4	14	1
Papakura City	4	0	0	4	1	12	0
Pukekohe	4	0	0	4	1	13	0

**Swifts Reserves**Season starts today

**Swifts 3rds**Season starts today

**Swifts Ladies**Season starts today

#### Other games this weekend:

Swifts reserves v Cambridge (h) 12.30pm, Saturday Swifts 3rds - v West Hamilton (a) 12.30pm, Saturday Swifts Ladies - v Wanderers (h) 11am, Sunday Swifts Sunday team - tbc

## **SWIFTS MATCH SCHEDULE FOR 2010**

LOTTO NRFL DIVISION 1 UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED

MAF	RCH 2010	)			
Α	20	14:45	Mangere United	1-2	
Н	27	14:45	Papakura City	2-1	
APR	IL 2010				
Α	3	14:45	Cambridge FC	3-0	
Α	5	14:45	Ellerslie	0-3	
Н	10	14:45	North Force		
Α	17	14:45	Onehunga Mangere United		
Н	24	14:45	North Shore United		
MAY	2010				
Α	1	14:45	Fencibles United		
Н	8	14:45	Mt Albert-Ponsonby		
?	15	14:00	Chatham Cup Round 1		
Н	22	14:45	Birkenhead United		
Α	29	14:45	Tauranga City United		
JUN	E 2010				
Н	5	14:45	Waiuku		
Α	12	14:45	Western Springs		
Н	26	14:45	Hibiscus Coast		
JULY	<b>2010</b>				
Н	3	14:45	Pukekohe		

Matches for the second part of the season will be drawn once this first round of games has been completed.

# For more information and discussion on the NRFL you should pay a visit to these websites

Auckland Football - www.aucklandfootball.org.nz

Northern League Forum - www.northernleagueforum.co.nz

SportsWeb Soccer - www.sportswebsoccer.com

NZ Soccer Scoreboard - www.nzsoccerscoreboard.com

## **Team Sheet**

MATAMATA SWIFTS Black & White shirts, Black shorts, Black socks	v	NORTH FORCE Blue shirts, Black shorts, Black socks
<ol> <li>Tom Pamment</li> <li>Pete Shannan</li> <li>Ismail Awad</li> <li>William Mason</li> <li>Duncan Lowry</li> <li>Mike Spencer</li> <li>Andy Birchenough</li> <li>Andrew Taylor</li> <li>Ged Parkinson</li> <li>Mark Knell</li> <li>Bevan Woltersdorf</li> <li>Grant Cooper</li> <li>Alberto Romero</li> <li>Andrew Clothier</li> <li>Mike Beard</li> <li>Andrew Cooper</li> <li>Stu Watene</li> <li>Jon Allen</li> <li>Simon Arthur</li> <li>Jamie Baxter</li> <li>Tim Miller</li> </ol>	Referee Michael Lowe Assistant 1 Chris Larkin Assistant 2 Mohammed Asaf	Leon Taylor 1 Sam McGregor 2 Mitchell Pomfret 4 Murray Wooten 5 Dominic Fromont 6 Daniel Lavalle 7 Mark Ruddell 8 Scott Burgess 9 Jeremy Rintoul 10 Chris Peck 12 Aaron Taylor 14 Tomas Taylor 15 Charlton Lacour 16 Steve Schimmel 17 Sammy Oso 18 Keegan Baddeley 19 Nathan Steel 21 Cody Lacour 22  Coach Bruce Plunkett Manager Paul Herbert
<b>31</b> Jonathan Crook		

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