



# Cashmere Wanderers AFC

Cashmere Wanderers AFC - Newsletter

March 2008

Hi to all the Football Supporters in the family,

***Welcome to the start of the 2008 season!***

***As you can imagine, over the past weeks, we have been very busy processing registrations, organizing teams and sorting gear.***

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## Team lists

Team lists are being compiled at present and currently team lists for 10th through to 15th grades are available online in our members only area of the website at

[http://www.cashmere-soccer.co.nz/members/team\\_lists/2008\\_juniors](http://www.cashmere-soccer.co.nz/members/team_lists/2008_juniors)

You will need to enter this seasons new

username	*****
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to access the members area. We hope to have rest of the lists available for posting on the web by as soon as possible so please keep an eye on our website.

We apologise for the fact that teams haven't been named until now. With over 800 kids, it takes considerable time to put teams together and organize gear. This year, an early Easter and the fact that the season is starting two weeks earlier than usual have given us even less time to get organized.

Please bear with us during this busy time. If you have concerns about team selection, please email your coach, Fred Simpson [fred@cashmerefootball.co.nz](mailto:fred@cashmerefootball.co.nz) or the Junior Secretary [juniorsecretary@cashmerefootball.co.nz](mailto:juniorsecretary@cashmerefootball.co.nz). We will try to accommodate your requests wherever possible but we can't guarantee that everyone will get their first choice.

### **Coaches for 7th grade and midgets**

We still need coaches for some 7th grade and midgets teams. If your child is playing in one of these grades, please think about volunteering to coach or assist a coach. If you are interested, please send an email to [juniorsecretary@cashmerefootball.co.nz](mailto:juniorsecretary@cashmerefootball.co.nz) or to [fred@cashmerefootball.co.nz](mailto:fred@cashmerefootball.co.nz). The Club will be organising coaches training so it is a great opportunity to become involved and very rewarding.

### **Volunteers required to help putting up goal posts at Centennial Park**

Once again, we are calling for volunteers to help with putting up the junior goal posts at Centennial Park.

**When:** Sunday 30 March 2008 at 10am at Centennial Park

**Bring:** spades, auger, muscles...

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### **Season Start Dates**

**10th grade and above:** Saturday 5th April.

Play 5th, 12th & 19th April (start of school holidays). Don't play 26th April but do play Saturday 3rd May (last Saturday of school holidays). Also play at Queens Birthday weekend, Saturday 31st May.

**7-9th grades:** Saturday 12th April.

Play 12th & 19th April. Holidays off and then restart on Saturday 10th May. Also play on Queens Birthday weekend 31st May.

**Midgets:** Saturday 10th May (note this date is later than advised at registration)

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### **Other important dates:**

**Coaches Evening for coaches 10th grade & above** (except Division 1 & 2 Coaches)

Monday 31st March, 7pm at the Cashmere Club

Fred Simpson will have a few words and then gear will be handed out

**Coaches Evening for coaches 7th – 9th grades**

Monday 7th April, 7pm at the Cashmere Club

Fred Simpson will have a few words and the gear will be sorted out

**Coaches Evening for midgets coaches**

to be advised

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### **Holiday Development Programmes**

It is intended to run two programmes with different timetables and structures. The first week will involve the opportunity for players to attend a two hour session on a daily basis from Monday through to Friday. There will be morning sessions for 7th to 9th grades and afternoon sessions for 10th to 13th grades. The second week we will offer a 3 day course running from Monday to Wednesday from 10-00 am to 3-00 pm. This will be for 10th to 14th grades. The full programme including registration details will be posted on the web site next week.

### **Coach Education**

New Zealand Football has gone through a complete review of their coach development programme. As an experienced and qualified coach educator Fred Simpson was fortunate to recently be invited to attend a seminar to experience and evaluate parts of the new programme with New Zealand Football's head of Coach Development John Herdman. The new curriculum is targeted directly at the needs and requirements of New Zealand Football with major input from SPARC and drawing on "best practice" programmes from throughout the football world.

It is our intention to set up a coach education centre in our part of Christchurch catering not only for our coaches at Cashmere but also those from our neighboring clubs and schools. An age specific module based programme with on the job assessment will mean less time commitment for coaches and the chance to work in a comfortable, familiar environment.

Fred hopes to be in the position to be able to present more details to our coaches in the very near future.

### **Small Sided Games**

Keith Pritchett is a name that should be known to many in New Zealand football. He is the current Coaching Director of "United Football One" the Federation based on the North Shore of Auckland catering for West Auckland, the Shore and all parts north. Keith is a past coach of the All Whites and an ex professional player with over 300 games in the English Football League.

United Soccer is our most successful Federation at virtually all levels with Waitakere the current National League and Youth Champions and an enviable record at National Tournaments. They more than any Federation have embraced the concept of small sided games for player development. Keith is in town this weekend and will be running a short practical seminar to demonstrate the reasons behind and the benefits of this philosophy. Check the Mainland Football Website for details.

### **A message from Fred Simpson CWAFC Football Development Manager**

With the 2008 football season about to kick off for all of us, I am wondering what everyone is expecting from their club this season? Or what they should expect?

In the short time I have been with The Wanderers I have been impressed with the commitment to the club of those I have been closely working with, namely those hard working volunteers who put their hands up at the AGM to take on the roles

on the committee and those who are directly involved with the individual teams, the coaches and managers.

Cashmere Wanderers is a large club by any standards, with the junior club catering for more children than most schools and a membership the envy of every other code. For most of you the season starts with you or your child's registration and first training run or game and finishes at the end of season prize giving.

For your committee this season started at the end of last season, directly after gear round up and prize giving. Election or in most cases re-election follows and then it is straight into it again.

Kit and gear storage and replacement, ground management and requirements, financial reports, future funding, competition structures, off season programmes, representative games, coaching appointments all happen whilst most are playing and enjoying their summer sport or simply enjoying their summer. I first came into contact with your committee last October and the work and planning were already well underway.

As a club we try to cater for the requirements of all our membership. Some young players and their parents are simply looking at football as an opportunity to partake in a team environment offering good athletic exercise and enjoyment, others are more ambitious in their sporting endeavors and see football as their passion and want the chance to be tested against the best opposition they can find. The most committed see representative opportunities as a goal and even dream of playing in the big leagues in the future.

To support these contrasting requirements, members of your committee spend endless hours organizing teams and competitions to suit everyone. Your expectations are put first but you should not expect too much. Please remember that they are volunteers giving their time for your enjoyment.

I have worked professionally within the sport for a number of years and have found a commitment from your elected volunteers unparalleled in New Zealand, please show your appreciation by accepting that even with all their efforts there will still be obstacles and hurdles to overcome, please help when asked, volunteer where you can and support their efforts just as they support you.

Your committee show real commitment to your club and my hat certainly comes off to them.

Fred Simpson, Football Development Manager