



Today's Line-ups

Cambridge C

Red & white stripes,
red shorts, red socks

GK	Matt Farrelly
2	Craig Clark
3	Ryan Ashby
4	Josh Gifford
5	Ken Graham
6	Thomas Campbell
7	Sam Cole
8	Warrick Santy
9	Quinn Dickey
10	Dave Casbolt
11	Colin Rea
12	James Muncaster
13	Pete Simpson
14	Martin Schaaake
15	Paul Blackstock
16	Michael Miller
17	Steve Thomas

Coach: Steve Thomas

Wanderers C

Blue shirt, blue shorts,
blue socks

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Coach:

Manager:



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C TEAM ACTION: *Such is the high esteem in which Steve Thomas is held by his players, they literally worship the ground he walks on as witnessed here during the side's recent league clash against Ngaruawahia.*

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Cambridge C

v

Hamilton Wanderers

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Waikato Men's Division C
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Rogue's gallery



Here's photographic proof that determination, hard work and help from a good woman can keep even the oldest motor turning! Steve shows he can still muster a sprint (top) against Matamata, while he shows his long-distance running prowess (left) is dependent on being given blankets for a mid-race nap (above)

But seriously . . .

Cambridge FC and all his mates wish club stalwart Steve Thomas the happiest of 50th birthdays for August 4!

Guess who

Our mystery club member on page 13 is none other than — you guessed it — Steve Thomas.



Welcome

Arsene Wenger, the manager of Arsenal, makes a special tribute to a great man . . .

I am deeply honoured to have been asked to write this tribute to a lifelong Arsenal supporter who lives across the world but who has not forgotten his roots — in fact, I understand he now dyes them every weekend before matches.

From what I've been told, Steve Thomas was one player who was desperately unlucky throughout his career. He was cruelly robbed of a place in the 1966 World Cup-winning England squad for no other reason than he was four years old.

Despite that setback, he was determined to prove he was good enough to anchor the Arsenal defence and he once asked our skipper, Tony Adams, the best way to get a trial.

"Drink five bottles of whisky and drive into a tree. It worked for me," Tony told him.

I remember the first time I heard of Steve and I asked my assistant, Pat Rice, what he thought.

"Steve Thomas? I'd rather sign Terry-bleedin'-Thomas."

At one stage we considered building a squad around Steve, but were denied planning permission.



So, alas, Steve never got to play at his beloved Highbury though I gather he did get carried off during his first Emirates appearance. It's such a shame they've banned him from ever flying with them again.

Today, Steve coaches New Zealanders the principles of the offside trap and the merits of dull 1-0 victories.

Sadly, age has caught up with him — in fact, it's overtaken and lapped him twice.

On Saturday August 4, Steve celebrates his 50th birthday.

That has provided the club with the opportunity to play the C team's next game at night, using Steve's birthday cake as temporary floodlights.

In the meantime, on behalf of Gooners and Cambridge supporters everywhere, we wish Steve and his beautiful WAG Sarah all the best for another half century of football.



Cambridge C's



READY FOR ACTION: Members of the Cambridge C team. Back row (from left): Steve Thomas, Josh Gifford, Colin Rea, Mike Miller, Matt Farrelly, Ken Graham, Dave Casbolt, Pete Simpson. Front (from left) Warrick Santy, Ryan Ashby, Martin Schaake, Craig Clark, Sam Cole, James Muncaster. Absent: Paul Blackstock, Quinn Dickey, Thomas Campbell.

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Club news

Hip injury ends season for Mclsaac

The season appears to be over for Cambridge Men's A team player-coach Tony Mclsaac who was badly injured during his team's 1-0 win at Melville United last Saturday.

The veteran player and former first team coach dislocated his hip and the game was held up until an ambulance was able to take him to Waikato Hospital for treatment.

As this went to print, Mclsaac was home and facing the prospect of missing his team's remaining games in the Waikato A Division, which the Legends lead by five points after 12 games.

Nearest rivals Claudelands Rovers and Ngaruawahia United have two games in hand on Cambridge, meaning it could still be a close finish to the competition.

Our club wishes coach Mclsaac a speedy recovery and looks forward to seeing him back amongst the goals!

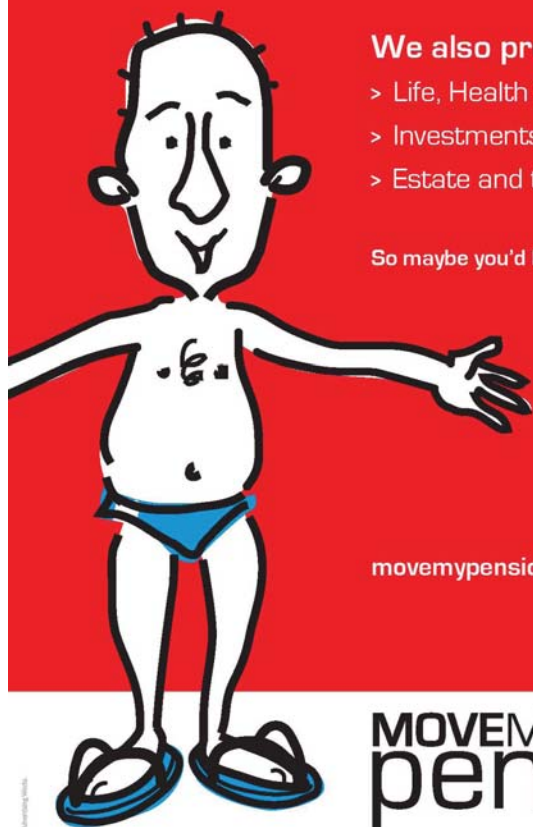
Guess who



Recognise this week's mystery club member. Think very old. With a young wife. Answer on page 14.

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First team news

Cambridge's first team head to Katikati this weekend with the chance to secure promotion to the Waikato/Bay of Plenty Federation 1 league for next season.

Currently sitting in third place, Karl Dagnall's young side can overhaul HRFC Clube Alegria with a draw or better at fourth-placed Katikati.

Second spot would mean promotion along with Tauranga City United who have already clinched the title (see league table on page 6).

Cambridge beat Katikati 1-0 in the reverse fixture at John Kerkhof Park and the team expects another close encounter.

If Cambridge slip up at Katikati, the team would have to win its final fixture at home to fifth-placed Te Awamutu on August 4.

But Cambridge are determined to ensure the result of that final match becomes academic, by winning at Katikati.

The team has shown plenty of grit this season, refusing to accept draws — not a single one all season — and earning four of their victories by one goal.

One such win came last Saturday at John Kerkhof Park where a 24th minute left-footed lob by striker Craig Hedges was sufficient to gain a 1-0 victory

against lowly West Hamilton United.

The Cambridge side started well, dominating possession for most of the first half, and midfielders Joe Gifford and Adrian Clark both went close with shots.

In the second half, Cambridge were content to dominate possession and force West Hamilton to chase them, and the result.

However a 79th minute ankle injury to striker Dan Podjursky stopped the game for a couple of minutes, giving the visitors chance to catch their breath and reset their tactics for the game's final 10 minutes.

They came at Cambridge with everything and peppered the home goal with crosses and dangerous balls, all of which were proficiently dealt with by goalkeeper Alistair McQuarters who earned himself the Player of the Day award.

So with two games to go, Cambridge's first team is in sight of its objective — and the painful memories of last season's relegation from the Northern League Second Division are starting to dim.

This young team has played with credit this season and their supporters will be looking forward to a positive result this Saturday.

— Josh Easby

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Federation 2 League

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Tauranga City United	15	13	0	2	70	10	39
HRFC Clube Alegria	16	9	3	4	45	29	30
CAMBRIDGE	14	10	0	4	31	18	30
Katikati	15	8	4	3	34	16	28
Te Awamutu	14	5	4	5	17	17	19
Tokoroa AFC	14	4	5	6	18	37	17
Rotorua United	14	3	1	10	15	46	10
West Hamilton Utd	14	2	3	9	13	29	9
Matamata Swifts	15	1	2	12	13	54	5



Men's C Division

Date	Competition	Opponents	Venue	Result
Apr 14	Round 1	Te Kuiti Albion	Away	L 0-7
Apr 21	Round 2	Matamata	Home	L 1-4
Apr 28	Round 3	Wanderers	Away	L 2-3
May 5	Waikato Cup	Cambridge E	Away	W 1-0
May 12	Round 4	Claudlands Rovers C1	Home	L 1-4
May 19	Round 5	Waikato Unicol	Away	D 1-1
May 26	Waikato Cup	Waihi B	Home	L 0-1
June 2	Round 6	Melville United	Home	W 2-1
June 9	Round 7	West Hamilton Utd	Away	W 2-1
June 16	Round 8	Claudlands Rovers C2	Away	L 1-7
June 23	Round 9	Ngaruawahia	Away	L 0-4
June 30	Round 10	Ngaruawahia	Home	L 1-3
July 7	Round 11	Te Kuiti Albion	Home	L 1-3
July 14	Round 12	Claudlands Rovers C1	Away	L 0-2
July 21	Round 13	Matamata	Away	L 0-4
July 28	Round 14	Wanderers	Home	
Aug 4	Round 15	West Hamilton Utd	Home	
Aug 18	Round 16	Waikato Unicol	Home	
Sept 1	Round 17	Melville Utd	Away	
TBC	Round 18	Claudlands Rovers C2	Home	

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Division C Table

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Claudlands Rovers C2	11	10	0	1	43	11	30
WANDERERS	12	8	2	2	32	17	26
Matamata	11	7	2	2	35	12	23
Claudlands Rovers C1	12	6	2	4	31	24	20
Ngaruawahia Utd	13	6	1	6	28	23	19
Te Kuiti Albion	11	5	1	5	27	21	16
Waikato Unicol	11	2	8	1	17	17	14
Melville United	12	3	0	9	17	39	9
CAMBRIDGE	13	2	1	10	12	44	7
West Hamilton Utd	12	1	1	10	10	44	4



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Claudlands Rovers C2 v Matamata
Melville Utd v Claudlands Rovers C1
Waikato Unicol v West Hamilton Utd

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Going once, going thrice . . .

There's not much Paul and Rebecca Blackstock haven't done to help their beloved Cambridge Football Club.

Paul's been the club's long-time treasurer while Rebecca has served many seasons as its secretary. Paul turns out for the Men's C team (when he's not injured).

Now they've provided the club with a novel way of raising funds.

A year ago, when daughter Scarlet was born, club members Steve and Sarah Thomas bid \$73 at the club's Bottle Auction Social for the Nicknaming Rights for The Blackstock Baby.

Thus, young Scarlet will be forever known within the club as 'Barney' Blackstock.

Clearly sensing this was an excellent way to help fund the growth of the club, fellow committee members were delighted this month to hear the news that Rebecca was expecting again.

And just in time for the club's 2012 Bottle Auction!

Delight turned into sheer joy when the Blackstocks confirmed their bump



Paul and Rebecca Blackstock with baby Scarlet (aka Barney).

is going to be twins.

As a result, an anonymous bidder paid \$150 for the Nicknaming Rights of the Twins (billed at the auction as a Buy One, Get One Free deal).

With the help of the Blackstock's growing family, the club raised \$1,024 at the auction.

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Okay, clever clogs, how many eyes are in a pack of playing cards?



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Come along to enjoy a fun event, with raffles, spot prizes, auctions and drinks with friends — and all in a good cause.

Put the date in your diary now, and book a table for your quiz team, or let the club know you want to be part of a team for the night.

* Still wondering about the playing cards? The answer is 42.

Annual Quiz Night

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Cambridge Football Club

will host the Quiz Night at Cambridge Town Hall, Cnr Victoria & Queen Streets

Saturday August 11

Entry: \$90 for a table of six people

Tickets: See Suzie Halliday (mob 027 3265660)

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Food: BYO nibbles (no food available at venue)

