

# Match Report 2012

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07<sup>th</sup> April 2012

vs Takapuna AFC

Michaels Ave # 1

Ellerslie 4, Takapuna 0

Goals: Will Roper (2), Warrick Hart, Eddie Sillars

09<sup>th</sup> April 2012

vs Albany United

North Harbour Stadium # 4

Albany 0, Ellerslie 2

Goals: Will Roper, Luke Cairns

Takapuna AFC were our opponents first up, on a weekend when six points were the target for us with albany at North harbour on the Monday to look forward to. We started well and created opportunities early. Takapuna struggled with containing us and their players continuously looked to their coach for guidance on the sideline. They shifted their formation to give them a chance, but bothered us rarely. At 1-0 up and 5 minutes to the break we conjured up takapuna's best effort on our goal ourselves, when Jamie olausens pass back deceived tim hawes in goal and tim could only watch as the ball hit the base of the near post. Soon after Will roper added a second goal to add to the earlier effort from Warrick hart and we were in the driving seat at 2-0 right on half time.

The second half saw much of the same, with us creating plenty and taka having little periods where they needed to be closed down and we worked hard to do just that - with the reward of a first clean sheet of the season evidence that we are becoming difficult to break down.

Second half goals to Will roper and the impressive Eddie Sillars ensured the points. Man of the match went to Jamie olausen with another display that impresses.

Monday we were looking tired and flat in our warm up and it caused me concern enough to mention it to paul hooper. We touched on it before we left the shed and in retrospect it was the albany coach that should have had the conversation with his team as we dominated the first half and the biggest surprise of the weekend was that only a penalty from the lethal Will Roper seperated the two sides at half time. We had 80% possession of the ball and did everything but add to our total.

The half time talk was of turning the possession we were enjoying into goals and putting albany to the sword. Luke Cairns was listening obviously because within a minute of the restart he struck a vicious shot from 25 metres that smashed off the underside of the crossbar and into the net for a 2-0 lead. Albany only managed to disrupt our game thereafter and only threatened a couple of times in what remained of the match. So another clean sheet, as it finished 2-0 ,and maximum points over the weekend .

Man of the match went to Callum Brown who had two very good games over Easter. All the good work we do going forward is based on the foundations set in place by the way we defend and credit goes to the back five this weekend, for some excellent individual efforts. My match reports this week are short and i have not mentioned all of those that deserve a mention. For this i apologise, but know that i think you all made huge contributions over the weekend and ask that we continue with our improvements as the season rolls on.

