

Round 9: v Otahuhu @ Seaside Park 1

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We knew Otahuhu was going to be a tough game despite their position at the bottom of the league. They had beaten a few teams above them so it was going to be a tough encounter. I prepared the team all week like we were playing the league leaders with a tough training on Wednesday night at the gym. The intensity was there and the skill level was also.

Although we beat Otahuhu 2-0 in Round 1 I had a feeling they had improved. We also had improved in the last few weeks with good results against Beachlands (who lost to Otahuhu) and Bucklands beach (who drew to Otahuhu). They were tough games and we showed a lot of character in eeking out two 1-0 wins.

Otahuhu's main strengths were in their defence, midfield and attack. If we didn't shut them down, they could easily beat us so I had to make sure the team were mentally and physically up to the task at hand on Saturday. We have in the past struggled with the 1pm kick offs but to succeed this mental block needed to be erased for a positive outcome.

Seriously though, if we actually did play Otahuhu we would have smoked them by at least 6-0. They can't even live with us let alone play us in football. For statistical reasons, the best idea for Otahuhu would be if they stayed at home on Saturday, defaulted and suffered a 3-0 loss because if they came we would have ruined them.

Consider yourself lucky because most of my team hate you. Only 2 people like you because they drive worked up Nissan Sunny's. I truly believe the Auckland City Council would be jumping for joy that we didn't mess up the goal mouth Otahuhu were defending because that's where we would be at least 95% of the 90 minutes. In our virtual football competition, I predicted a score of 18-1 and I was uber confident I would take home the pot for the week. I would go as far to say that Otahuhu called off our game because they were scared. I don't know how you'd do it to be honest but you did. I bet you did. Million bucks you paid the council to postpone our game.

Only joking. I enjoyed the Saturday off. I fed the pigeons and ducks down at the winter garden ponds at the Domain. My son got shat on by a flock of seagulls. Thank god for baby wipes!!!!!!!!!!!! OMG. LOL WTF. Seriously though, he did. We topped off the day with a ham and basil focaccia at our favourite cafe in Parnell. It was superb.